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Topics of General Interest to All Our People.

### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION RETURNS

Alabama Killed in the Philippines Grading Contract Let for New Railroad—Money Raised for Industrial School—Brevities.

Returns received from democratic primary elections in Limestone and Marshall counties indicate that Morgan certainly carried the former and Johnston probably the latter. Morgan, however, carried the largest towns in Marshall, but the county vote seems to have opposed him. The county is surely democratic, while Marshall county, which probably goes for Johnston in primary, has gone populist at last three elections, and if it does so again Johnston will lose that vote in the democratic legislative caucus. The race for governor is close between Stallings and Tomlinson, while Carpenter leads for state auditor and Seed for treasurer. Returns so far include only the larger precincts, but they probably indicate the general result. Apparent result as to senator was anticipated by both sides and is regarded as a stand-off, with a shade the best for Morgan, because Limestone is absolutely certain to elect a democratic legislator.

#### School Land Deal Off.

The Montevallo land deal is off. Word has been received in Montgomery from New York that Mr. DeBardleben has given notice that he will not take the lands.

The history of the sale is too well known to be repeated. Mr. DeBardleben secured an option on the lands donated to the Montevallo school for girls by act of congress. There are 25,000 acres of the land, and they are situated in the Warrior river coal fields, and are thought to be worth much more than \$5.00 per acre, at which price DeBardleben secured the option.

The reasons that the lands were not taken have not yet been made known, but it is more than probable the reason is that the patents have not been issued. There is probability of further action by congress, and it may be some time before the titles can be perfected, if ever, and for that reason the action of Mr. DeBardleben is mainly influenced.

#### Contract For Grading Lot.

The contract for grading the last thirty-five miles of the Gulf and Ship Island railroad has been let to C. D. Smith & Co., of Birmingham, and it is understood the contract calls for something like \$125,000. The grade, by the terms of the contract, must be completed by April 1, 1900. The Gulf and Ship Island road, when completed, will be 170 miles long and will run from Jackson, Miss., to Gulfport, Miss. Gulfport is on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

#### He Was an Alabamian.

The killing of Captain O. B. Warwick, Eighteenth infantry, at Iloilo, on November 26 in a brush with insurgents, was a shock to the large military colony at Fort Sam Houston, where his two sisters and a niece reside. Captain Warwick was a native of Alabama, where he was born fifty years ago. He entered West Point in 1863, graduating two years later. Since 1878 he has been with the Eighteenth infantry.

#### First Run of Steel.

The first run of steel at the Ensley steel plant, the million dollar mill of the Alabama Steel and Shipbuilding company, was made Thursday afternoon. A heat of one of the ten furnaces was turned out successfully, and between twenty and forty tons of good merchantable basic steel were made.

#### Money For Boys' Industrial School.

At the regular meeting of the Birmingham Commercial Club Friday the committee appointed to raise \$3,000 for the Boys' Industrial school at East Lake reported having secured subscriptions for more than that amount.

#### Newspaper Contest Closed.

The contest for the best and second best weekly newspapers published in the state (weekly editions of the dailies excluded) has been decided, the award having been made Friday. The committee awarded the first prize to the Opelika Industrial News and the second prize to the Pratt City Herald. The award was made on the typographical, editorial and business merits of the publications.

## COTTON GIN CONSOLIDATION.

Headquarters of the New Company Will Be in Birmingham.

The cotton gin manufacturers of the country have combined and organized a great company to be known as the Northington-Munger-Pratt Gin company, with headquarters in Birmingham.

The finishing touches of the organization are practically completed, and the public official announcement of the great new company is to be made in a few days. Those who know anything of the organization are certain that W. T. Northington, one of the most successful gin men in the south, will be the president of the new company.

While the chief parties to the organization refuse to talk, it is known that existing companies, with an output of more than 90 per cent. of the gins manufactured in this country, are in the deal. The Northington-Munger-Pratt company and the Smith Sons Gin and Machinery company of Birmingham are in it. So are the Munger Gin company of Dallas, Tex., the Daniel Pratt Gin company of Prattville, the Winship Machine company of Atlanta, the Eagle Gin company and other well known companies.

Birmingham is not only to be the general headquarters of the great concern, but it is likewise to be the central manufactory.

#### Deed to University Lands Filed.

The deed conveying 3,440 acres of the lands of the University of Alabama to the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron company, which conveyance has been the subject of a state sensation because of the alleged impropriety of the sale, was filed for record in the probate office of Jefferson county Saturday. The document is signed by Gov. Joseph F. Johnston, president of the board of trustees of the University of Alabama, and countersigned by the secretary of the board, Robinson Brown. The deed contains a full description of the land conveyed and also a copy of the resolution adopted by the board of trustees authorizing the sale.

A general description of the land sold is contained in the resolution. The deed goes into a lengthy description covering several pages of type-written manuscript. The total consideration for the property is \$53,500. It was paid in cash and the deed was executed November 1, 1899.

#### Three Seriously Wounded.

Three people were seriously hurt at New Decatur by the accidental discharge of guns the past two days. Fred Homes, a young man, was shot in the shoulder while hunting, and may not recover.

While hunting in the river bottom, J. W. Morris, a shoe manufacturer, accidentally shot himself and his son, Dan, aged 12. By some unknown cause one barrel of the gun was discharged and the load entered the boy's leg, wounding him slightly. In running to the boy's aid the other barrel was discharged, the shot entering the father's leg, wounding him seriously.

#### Capitalists Interested in Huntsville.

N. F. Thompson, of Huntsville, industrial agent, has received information that several of the leading manufacturing concerns in Chicago have decided to seek locations elsewhere on account of labor troubles. Three of the largest of the concerns have opened correspondence with Mr. Thompson with a view of locating in that section.

#### New Railroad Probable.

It is understood at New Decatur that eastern capitalists are now interested in the Decatur and Aberdeen railroad, and that in all probability the road will be built in the near future. This road is to run from Decatur to Aberdeen, Miss., and if built will open up a fine mineral section of both iron and coal.

#### STATE BREVITIES.

In the circuit court at Huntsville, the suit of J. J. Combs vs. W. W. Hereford for \$2,000 damages for slander, resulted in a judgment for the plaintiff for \$275.

The corner-stone of the new Lauderdale county court house was laid at Florence Thursday with great ceremonies, conducted by the Masonic lodge of the city.

A new postoffice, Flowers, has been established in the Cedar Grove community, about five miles southeast of Hartselle. Prof. M. L. Flowers has received his commission as postmaster.

The democratic executive committee of Dallas county held an enthusiastic meeting Friday, and resolved to hold the primary election for county officers on Monday, January 15, and endorsed Morgan for the senate.

## CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKER

Democrats of the House Select Richardson of Tennessee.

### GIVES HIM DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP.

Henderson, of Iowa, the Unanimous Choice of the Republicans—Reed Rules Re-enacted—Nominations Made Unanimous.

The democrats of the house of representatives at their caucus held in the hall of representatives Saturday afternoon selected Representative James D. Richardson, of Tennessee, as their candidate for speaker after a spirited contest which lasted through five ballots. This carries with it the democratic leadership on the floor.

Mr. Richardson has served fourteen years in the house and is the oldest democratic member in point of service, except Mr. McRae, of Arkansas. The candidates against Mr. Richardson were DeArmond, of Missouri; Bankhead, of Alabama, and Sulzer, of New York.

Representative Hay, of Virginia, was elected chairman of the caucus by a vote of 77 to 62, cast for Mr. McRae, of Arkansas. It has been customary for the oldest member in point of service to preside over the caucus and the election of Mr. Hay, who has served only one term, was an unusual honor.

Mr. R. Richardson was placed in nomination by Mr. Carmack, of Tennessee; Mr. DeArmond was nominated by Mr. Benton, of Missouri; Mr. Bankhead was nominated by Mr. Ball, of Texas, and Sulzer was nominated by Mr. Cummings, of New York. The first ballot resulted: Richardson, 43; DeArmond, 33; Bankhead, 23; Sulzer, 25.

The four following ballots showed little change. At the end of the first roll call the vote was Richardson, 63; DeArmond, 45, and Sulzer, 20.

Before the second roll call began Mr. Sulzer withdrew and asked his friends to vote for Richardson.

There was a general stampede to the Tennesseean and he was nominated on the sixth ballot, receiving 90 votes against 47 for DeArmond and 2 for Sulzer. The nomination was then made unanimous.

#### Republicans Choose Henderson.

The caucus of the house republicans, which was held in the hall of the house of representatives Saturday night, was both interesting and important. The selection of Gen. David B. Henderson for speaker and other house officers was a cut and dried affair. Before adjournment, after a discussion lasting almost two hours, the republican members, without a dissenting voice, decided to re-enact the Reed rules.

#### SAMOAN TREATY SIGNED.

The American, English and German Officials Write Their Names.

The British Ambassador, Lord Pauncefoot, was at the State department Saturday with Secretary Hay, and went over the new drafts of the treaty for the partition of Samoa, preparatory to the final signing, which was performed at 3:20 that afternoon. Three copies of the instrument were prepared, one for each of the governments concerned, all the final changes suggested were agreed to and Secretary Hay, after the ceremony was over, expressed himself greatly pleased at the successful consummation of the negotiations.

#### HEAD END COLLISION.

One Engineer Killed and the Fireman Badly Injured.

A head end collision between two freight trains occurred at an early hour Sunday morning at Annandale, Tennessee, a few miles north of Oakdale Junction. Engineer Jas. Hughes, of Somerset, Ky., on the southbound train, was killed outright and his fireman was badly injured. The engineer of the northbound train jumped and suffered a broken leg and arm. Both engines were wrecked and a number of cars were demolished.

#### Killed Them Both.

Mamie DeLong shot and killed Lizzie Sessions and Calvin Andrew in a fit of jealousy at Landpebble Phosphate camp, near Tampa, Fla., Saturday. Andrew had been paying considerable attention to the DeLong woman, but had transferred his affections to Lizzie Sessions. Mamie DeLong went to the session woman's house to horsewhip her, and the trouble resulted in the murder of the two.

## GEN. WHEELER WILL RETURN.

For Session of Congress. He Writes an Alabamian.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler is coming to the States for the session of Congress, Associated Press dispatches to the contrary notwithstanding. W. M. Bunting, editor of the Florence Herald, has received the following letter from the General which effectually settles the matter:

My Dear Sir: I have now been in these islands for two months, and I am very favorably impressed with them. I am quite confident that the insurrection will soon be closed. All that is needed is an energetic move forward—the Filipinos cannot stand against our soldiers. I cannot sufficiently express to you the possibilities of this country under good American rule. The fertility is remarkable, the climate cannot be said to be unhealthy, and I think the people will improve very much under American rule.

Will you please state in your paper that "letters addressed to General Wheeler at Washington will be attended to, as he is expected to be there very soon."

The letter also contained much interesting matter about the country, and reaffirms the General's opinions regarding the keeping of the islands by the United States. He says further:

"I want to devote myself to Congressional business, and do all I can for our people."

#### SUCCESSFUL TRAIN ROBBERY.

Outlaw Loots an Express Car, Securing \$1,700.

An unknown white man, closely masked, held up the two messengers in a Southern Express company's car near Branchville, S. C., Friday night, and under the cover of a revolver compelled them to give up \$1,700 in cash. Eight thousand dollars in another safe was overlooked by the outlaw, who accomplished his work without any aid.

The train had just left the station when Messengers Ramsay and Rhodes were covered with two revolvers held in the hands of the stalwart robber.

One messenger was made to stand with his hands over his head, and the other was commanded to hand over the money packages in the safe. Seventeen hundred dollars was quickly secured and the robber, after warning the messengers not to put a foot outside of the car until the train had gotten under headway again, pulled the bell cord and jumped off as the train moved on.

#### THE BLUFF WON.

Lieutenant With Fifty Men Captures 800 Filipinos.

The capture by Lieut. Monroe and fifty men of the 4th cavalry of the Filipino general, Concho, with 800 officers and men with rifles, several Americans and seventy Spanish prisoners at Bayonboog, province of Nueva Viscaya, was a successful bluff. Lieut. Monroe tapped the rebel wire, telegraphed to Concho that he was advancing with a large force and demanded his surrender. After negotiations, Concho consented to capitulate to a "superior force," whereupon Lieut. Monroe telegraphed that he would enter the town with a small guard and receive the garrison's surrender. He captured the whole Filipino force and secured their arms, the rebels supposing that Monroe had an army behind him.

#### Another National Park.

One of the first bills introduced in the Fifty-sixth congress will be a measure asking for the establishment of a national military park on the Peachtree creek battlefield, near Atlanta.

#### BUBONIC PLAGUE IN JAPAN.

Introduced Into Kobe in Cotton Imported From China.

The bubonic plague has made its entry into Japan, five undoubted cases having been reported at Kobe, three already proving fatal. The pest is traced to cotton imported from China, the original buyer, the carrier and the purchaser of the stuff being three victims. Much dismay prevails in the infected city, and the most drastic measures are being taken by the authorities. A hundred houses are isolated.

#### Booker Washington Honored.

As an act of appreciation of Booker T. Washington, the committee in charge of the reception to him at the Charles street church, Boston, gave him a complimentary dinner at the American house Saturday night. Mr. Washington said that his life had been spent in making a demonstration that the black man could build up and support an institution for the improvement of his people.

## BRYAN ON NEXT CAMPAIGN

The Nebraskan Says Democrats Will Make Gains Among Wage Earners.

### HE HAS NO FEAR FOR THE OUTCOME

And Says the Recent Elections, to an Unbiased Mind, Plainly Indicate That the Democrats Had the Better of It.

A special from Galveston, where the Hon. W. J. Bryan is at present, quotes him extensively on next year's campaign. Mr. Bryan states the democrats will make great gains next year among all classes of people.

"These people comprise the wage earners," said he. "Those who have been directly affected by the consolidation of the great manufacturing and producing concerns of the country commonly called trusts. In this class is enumerated day laborers, office men, drummers, etc. These are the people who will vote with the democrats next year."

"With a continuation of such an increase to our side for the next twelve months it will not be a question of can the democrats win, but how large the majority will be. I have no fear for the outcome. The recent elections to an unbiased mind plainly indicate that the democrats had the better of it in nearly all the states in which elections were held. In Ohio, Mr. McKinley's home state, is the democratic gain more clearly shown than those anywhere else except in Maryland and Nebraska. This vote given Jones was anti-republican, and had he not been in the race it most assuredly would have gone to McLean. Next year, with the present ratio of increase, Ohio will go democratic by a safe majority."

"The republicans would like to cover me with the glory of personally winning the fight in Nebraska. They would, if possible, lead the people to believe that there were no issues in this election, and that I was so personally magnific as to lead the people to the polls with nothing more than myself as an incentive. The truth of the matter is the people of Nebraska have awakened. They realize that it is time that a change was being made in the administration of the affairs of the government, and they propose to throw off the yoke of a single money standard, a militarism and to check the avarice and greed that has almost become the objective of that party. And not only in Nebraska is this the case, but I find from both personal investigation and from those who are in a position to know that the people in many sections of other states heretofore strongly republican have made up their minds to join the free silver forces next year."

#### ENORMOUS GOLD OUTPUT.

Cripple Creek Will Produce Twenty Millions This Year.

Cripple Creek's output is rapidly approaching \$2,500,000 monthly. For November it was \$2,123,000, a breaker of all previous records. The total output for the year thus far is \$14,723,000. In December the output will be increased to \$17,000,000. The total product to date is \$64,000,000. In dividends \$139,250 was paid in November. For December Stratton's Independence has declared its second quarterly dividend of \$488,000. The Isabella and other companies will add about \$300,000, making December the banner month. The 1899 dividends will reach \$3,835,000, a grand total of \$9,500,000.

#### THE BRITISH LOSSES.

Casualties Among Non-Commissioned Officers and Men is 452.

An official rectification of the list of Modder river, South Africa, casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men makes the total loss of the North Lancashires 3 killed and 1 wounded; of the Northumberland Fusiliers, 11 killed and 34 wounded, and of the Argylls, 18 killed and 91 wounded.

The aggregate of casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men is 452.

#### Bradley for Vice President.

The rumors of a boom being started in Ohio and Kentucky for Governor Bradley for vice president next year have been confirmed. The Kentucky leaders are now in harmony, and will unite with those in Ohio on Bradley. Republicans say they think it would be a good thing to get the nominee from a southern state. They declare that either Bradley or H. Clay Evans will be nominated, with the chances in favor of the Kentuckian.

## FACTS ABOUT METEORS

A Fragment of Comet's Tail—The Intense Cold of Space Felt by Man.

The atmosphere forms an armor which is almost impenetrable to the meteors that are constantly pelting the earth. Most of the meteors are small. They come rushing through space, strike the atmosphere, and the friction against the molecules of air heats them to a white heat, and sets them ablaze. Sometimes part of one may reach the earth, but as a rule they are consumed, and the dust alone, cosmic dust, drops upon the surface. One of the earliest known meteors fell in 204 B. C. in Phrygia, where for a long time it was worshipped. It was carried to Rome, and was supposed to be a messenger from the gods. Livy describes a shower of meteoric stones. The people were greatly alarmed, and declared a nine days' festival to propitiate the gods. There is at Mecca a meteorite which fell in 600 A. D. and is still worshipped by the faithful. In Chinese literature there is mention of meteors which fell in 644 B. C. The oldest known meteorite which was seen to fall is now on exhibition at Ensisheim, Alsace, Germany. In 1492 it came crashing down through the air with a roar that prostrated the peasantry with fright. It buried itself deeply in the earth. It weighed 260 pounds, and hangs to-day in the parish church.

The Chapadero meteorite, which weighed twenty-five tons, fell in Chihuahua, Mexico. The largest meteorite known is the Peary stone, which weighs approximately 100 tons. The stone of Canon Diable weighs at least ten tons, and exploded high in air, the pieces being found all over the surrounding country. In Italy several instances are known of the loss of life from meteorites. A peasant was sitting in his cabin and was killed by an iron mass that crashed through the roof. The act was regarded as a visitation of divine anger. The city of Milan is perhaps the only one that has been struck by a meteorite. A meteorite of several tons' weight fell in the heart of that city in the year 1690, on the authority of Paolo Maria Tezzano, and struck a Franciscan monk.

More remarkable are the falls at sea. That a ship should be struck would seem an extraordinary chance, yet a Swedish ship was so struck, the stone killing two of the crew. On Dec. 1, 1896, the ship Walkomming was sailing from New York to Bremen when her officers noticed a brilliant meteor that appeared to be bearing down on the vessel from southeast to northwest. It passed with a loud roar and hissing sound, and plunged into the sea ahead of the ship. That it was a meteor of large size was evident, for a few minutes later the ship was struck by a tidal wave. Even more remarkable was the experience of the British ship Cawdor, which reached San Francisco Nov. 20, 1897. During a severe storm a large and brilliant meteor was observed rushing down upon the ship, and with a roar and filling the air with fumes of sulphur it passed between the masts of the ship and fell into the sea not fifty feet from the rail.

One of the greatest curiosities possessed by man to-day is a supposed fragment of a comet in Mazapil, Mexico. The fragment is believed to be a part of the tail of Biela's comet. In 1846 something happened in space; a wreck occurred; Biela's comet may have collided with another comet; in any case, the comet divided and many living observers remember seeing the two parts gradually separating. Some fatality pursued one part of the comet and it met its fate in infinite space, literally went to pieces and became a wreck upon the shoreless sea of space. Astronomers predicted that if the comet itself did not appear in 1872 its wreckage would become visible as shooting stars, and this prediction was realized apparently, as on Nov. 27, 1872, there burst from the heavens a cloud of shooting stars. During the display one piece dropped upon the earth, and was secured at Mazapil, Mexico, and was declared to be a part of the great comet.

The average meteorite immediately after its fall is intensely hot, but at least one, which was handled immediately after falling, still held the intense cold of space. A few men can say that they have experienced this. A meteorite exploded above Dhurmsa, Kangra, Punjab, India, in 1890, and a section was picked up immediately by some natives who dropped it with expressions of pain. The explosion had exposed the interior of the meteor which had been chilled by the intense cold of space, and was so cold that its effect was like a burn. This fragment is now to be seen in the Field Museum. Of it, Dr. Farrington, the curator, said: "This is perhaps the only instance known where the cold of space has become perceptible to human senses."

#### A New Kind of Umbrella.

Two students arranged to have a stroll one afternoon in Glasgow. They both arrived provided with umbrellas, but before starting on their perambulations one hurriedly returned to his lodgings in order to put some fresh fuel on his fire.

As they walked along they were rather surprised to see so many of the passersby looking at them with amused smiles. At last some corner boys shouted out:

"What a fancy cane he carries!" Then, on looking down, one discovered to his horror that he was quietly carrying the fire tongs instead of an umbrella, having forgotten to make the exchange after replenishing his room fire.—Pearson's Weekly.

Within the last two centuries the population of Berlin has increased from 20,000 to nearly 2,750,000.

## MR. GABBER ON GIVING.

His View Before and After Aunt Jane's Message Came.

"Isn't it almost time to decide about Christmas presents, dear?" timidly asked Mrs. Gabber. Henry dropped his paper and gazed savagely, just as Mrs. Gabber expected him to do.

"Of course it's time," he exclaimed. "It always is time. I never got in the middle of an interesting editorial in my life that it wasn't time to decide 'What'll we give Aunt Jane, and Bobby wants an automobile, and what can we do about Uncle Peter? The same old story, year after year—how to give thirty people a hundred dollars' worth of things they don't want, for twenty-six dollars and thirty-two cents!"

"I've saved forty-eight dollars and nineteen cents," put in Mrs. Gabber triumphantly.

"That won't be enough to supply your Canadian cousins," spluttered Mr. Gabber. "Then there are live of us, the cook and the maid and Mike, dozens of relatives, scores of dear friends, hundreds of ordinary friends, thousands of intimate acquaintances, millions of regulation acquaintances, and billions of waifs, strays and vagabonds! In another five years we'll be in the poor-house, victims of a blighted old custom that grows worse all the time! In ten years—"

"Henry! Do listen a moment! It isn't half as bad as you're making it out, and you know it. The hardest presents to choose have always been Aunt Jane's, and she writes me that, owing to the hard times, she won't be able to make presents this year, and wishes us to distinctly understand that she is unwilling to accept any. You'd only kept still I'd have told you this in the first place!"

Mr. Gabber looked as if he would burst with righteous indignation.

"Well," he howled, "of all the things, miserly, close-fisted old women I ever heard of, your Aunt Jane takes the prize! After you've given her, to my knowledge, fourteen affigans, an easy chair, and two foot-rests, she has the presumption to sing 'hard times!' What does she think Christmas is for, anyway? To hang on to every penny you've got, and begrudge a few measly presents to your friends? Well, if I was as mean as that I'd leave this land and seclude myself in some heathen country, where the glorious practice of giving has never been heard of!"

Mrs. Gabber, being wise among women, said not a word.—Wallace Dunbar Vincent, in the Critic.

#### The Sirdar's Camel Corps.

The saddle was of wood throughout, with broad fans, the splay of which could be altered to suit a camel's back without much trouble by the native saddler attached to each company; the pad was removable—leather outside, soft felt inside, the stuffing being of hair, and by a system of pockets, this hair stuffing could be removed and shifted at will, so as to alter the pressure and prevent it hardening and forming into lumps, the men being taught to constantly remove and pull the stuffing of their saddles.

Each saddle was fitted with one large leather "khorg," or bag containing six days' forage, and with two smaller ones containing the rider's food and spare clothing; besides which each man was provided with two water skins, to be filled according to requirements. Thus equipped, a seven days' desert trip could be undertaken, if there were wells containing sufficient water to water the camels about every third day.

#### Trading in the Transvaal.

Ordinarily the Transvaal trading store is of galvanized iron, upon which the sun beats down with all its intensity, making the air within almost unbearable. But the trader does not mind this. Dressed in a pair of trousers, a light pair of shoes and a flannel shirt, he reclines on a convenient part of the counter, and with the aid of his pipe passes the time until a customer arrives.

Should the customer be a white man, the storekeeper and he will as a rule retire into the little side room for a few minutes, and a bottle and a couple of glasses will be produced. Should he, on the other hand, be a native, the trader will glance at him casually, and, without moving, will ask him what he wants. He does this because Kaffirs often want something which they know the storekeeper has not got. The shelves in the back of the shop are piled up with gaudy blankets, cloths of all descriptions, tinmed goods, clocks and vases, cheap "jewelry," and various other commodities. Below these shelves are the bins where the sugar, flour, meal and coffee are kept.

Outside the store, on the stoop, are the agricultural implements, ploughs, harrows, new American inventions of all sizes and descriptions, that are too big or too heavy to be easily carried away.







# HURRAH FOR CHRISTMAS

To make room for a stock of HOLIDAY GOODS, I will close out all of my Stock

Of Fancy Groceries, Tobacco and Cigars at Cost for the next 20 Days.

THIS EMPHATICALLY MEANS FOR SPOT CASH. TRY ME.

J. H. HAMMOND.

## THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

### SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

#### Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

We have received the following invitation:

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Greek request your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mary Ethel to Joseph H. Hoskins, Thursday evening December 14, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, 8:30 P. M., at their home Aldrich, Alabama.

Miss Ethel is one of Columbiana's former girls and our people here know her worth. She is a bright and amiable young lady of whom the expected groom may be proud. The groom is a stirring young man of Aldrich, and no doubt will prove himself worthy the prize he will win.

Pay up your subscription. Wedding bells again ringing. We are having cool mornings. Only eighteen days till Xmas.

Columbiana is without a marshal. H. Fox went to Calera Tuesday. H. W. Parker, of Shelby Springs, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. P. G. Trent visited relatives at Kymulga this week.

Willis Lester spent Sunday with homefolk at Springville.

Eugene Brasher, of Birmingham, is visiting relatives in the city.

J. H. Hammond and Jim Sammons spent Sunday at Weldon.

There were several cases disposed of in county court last week.

Miss Lucy Smith, of Shelby Springs, spent Sunday in the city.

G. M. C. Stricklin and family have moved to Talladega Springs.

Jim Vest, of Anniston, spent several days in the city last week.

Henry Chapman, of Montevallo, was in town a short while Monday.

If you feel dull, languid, broken-down, debilitated, have weak stomach or indigestion, use Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine.

Claude Duran and wife, of Calera, visited relatives in the city Sunday.

Miss Lillie Hand, of Ringgold, Tex., is visiting relatives in the city.

The Misses Kidd, of Vincent, visited friends in the city this week.

Add water and sugar to Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic and subtract the colic from your baby. Very pleasant, perfectly harmless and absolutely reliable. Costs 50c.

Miss Ella Williams, of Vincent, visited friends in the city this week.

Dr. J. M. Lovett, of Bessemer, is in the city this week doing dental work.

Miss Jennie Hand, of Jemison, is visiting the family of B. L. Moore.

Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine searches out all impurities in the system, and expels them harmlessly by the natural channels.

Mrs. Weaver returned last week from a visit to relatives in Birmingham.

Atkins Upshaw and daughter, Miss Carrie, visited relatives here this week.

E. A. Saxon has moved to the Stricklin residence on East College street.

Miss Essie Mason, who has been teaching school at Berry Station, is at home sick.

Mrs. A. E. Jackson returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives in Montgomery.

Rev. W. I. Sinnott filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

John Millstead, who has been at Hot Springs, Ark., for his health, was in the city yesterday.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, aches, bruised shins, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Liment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts.; sold by Williams Bros.

Sam Lefkovits, of Bessemer, is in the city.

Phillip Erick spent Sunday on Yellow Leaf.

J. F. McDonald, of Lewis, was in town Monday.

George Mason spent Sunday at Berry Station.

Walter Duran, of Calera, was in town Monday.

E. S. Lyman, of Montevallo, was in town yesterday.

George Wright, of Calera, was in the city Monday.

J. B. Adams, of Longview, was in the city yesterday.

W. E. Harrison, of Dogwood, was in the city Tuesday.

Brooks Mitchell, of Birmingham, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Dykes visited relatives at Wilsonville this week.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Jessie Carter of Shelby, to Frank H. Spears of Dallas county. The wedding is to occur December 14.

We will give a year's subscription to the first one that brings us a turkey for Christmas. Don't all speak at once, but just bring them in, we need all we can get.

If your boy gets burned when he shoots his Christmas cracker, use the "old reliable" Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic. It is clean and pleasant, cooling and soothing to the burn, relieves suffering and heals almost like magic. Only 50c. a bottle, by Hall Drug Co.

Lamps, etc., will be given away only with Holiday and Canned goods, not with meat, flour, sugar, coffee, etc.

J. H. Hammond.

Supt. Williams, of Vincent, held the teachers examination at the courthouse Monday and Tuesday. Quite a number of applicants were on hand standing examination.

Bill Arp lectures in Childersburg Thursday night, December 7, for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. He is a good man and loves to help the churches.

The Tax Assessor and Collector will be at the courthouse from the 19th of December to the 31st of December assessing and collecting taxes from those that have not paid or assessed.

The disposition of children largely depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish, and perhaps seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts.; sold by Williams Bros.

A general moving occurred in town Tuesday. W. G. Parker moved to the C. C. DuBose residence, DuBose moving to the residence occupied by Judge Longshore, and the latter moving to residence vacated by W. G. Parker.

Just as we go to press we learn that John Thomas, night watchman in T. W. Tinney's coaling at Simons Switch, five miles below here, was found dead at or near the Switch Wednesday morning. It is not known whether he was struck by a train or by an assassin.

The "biggest little thing" and one of the most useful you can offer a friend as a Christmas present is a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic. A clean, pleasant remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, nail punctures, sore throat, inflamed eyes, stings of insects, "poison oak," etc. Used internally, it gives quick relief in cases of colic and derangement of stomach or bowels. Free from opiates and positively harmless. Sold by Hall Drug Co.

S. J. Sykes died at his residence near Lynch Sunday morning, after a long illness. He was 75 years old, and had raised several children to be of age, most of whom, if not all, are married. His remains were interred in the cemetery at this place Monday. The Advocate extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Several our boys were shooting fire works on the streets Saturday night, and while in the act of throwing a large cracker, George Vest had one to burst in his hand, tearing up one finger so badly that amputation of one joint on Sunday morning was necessary. His entire hand was severely injured, and burst in one place near the thumb. At present his wound is doing very well.

### Roberts-Stone.

At Easonville, yesterday at 10 o'clock, occurred the marriage of Rev. T. K. Roberts and Miss Sue Stone, Rev. T. P. Roberts, father of the groom, officiating. They drove through the country to this place, arriving here late in the afternoon.

The groom is an old Columbiana boy and needs no introduction or commendation at our hands. The bride is also well known here, having taught one session in our school. She is a refined, intelligent and estimable young lady, aptly suited to share the cares, sorrows and afflictions that are, and may befall the much beloved "Brother Tom."

The community joins The Advocate in congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life for them.

### Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by Hall Drug Co., Druggist.

### Death of W. M. Rhodes.

On November 29, the spirit of W. M. Rhodes of Shelby, left its earthly house of clay and returned to the God who gave it. Mr. Rhodes was a man well known to all the people of our town, having been section foreman here a number of years, and had many friends throughout his acquaintances. He with his family, removed to Shelby about two years ago, where he has since resided. Deceased had been a member of the Baptist church for several years, and was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his demise, who have the sympathy of all their friends.

### A Frightful Blunder.

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Blisters, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hall Drug Co., Druggist.

Miss Olla Jennings, of Vincent, was here Monday and Tuesday, standing the teachers examination.

Fireworks will be on sale the week before Xmas.

J. H. Hammond.

Have you a cold? A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts.; sold by Williams Bros.

On the first inst., the two lively stables owned by B. L. Moore and W. A. Parker were consolidated, and is operated at the Elliott old stand.

In biliousness, Herbine, by expelling from the body the cause of bile and acids, improves the assimilative processes, purifies the blood, and tones up and strengthens the entire system. Price 50 cts.; sold by Williams Bros.

A. J. Ray and family, who have been living near the Southern depot, moved to Mallory Station Tuesday.

Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine has since 1840 steadily risen in public favor, and the demand for it far exceeds that of any other Liver Medicine.

Rev. T. P. Roberts and family arrived in the city today. Mr. Roberts will fill his first appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Fortify yourself against the casualties consequent upon "Merry Christmas." Equal to an insurance policy is a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic against gun-shot wounds, powder burns, cuts, bruises, sprains, etc., and costs only 50c. at druggists.

Dr. A. J. Massey, dentist, the Painless Tooth Extractor and well Fitted Plates a Specialty, invites all persons wishing dentistry, to call at his Dental Parlors while in Birmingham, 21st street, 2nd ave. Correspond with him. Will practice in Jefferson and adjoining counties, go or send a competent man to your homes at reasonable prices. Will visit Columbiana often.

### Township Trustees.

After December 15th, 1899, contracting with teachers on conditional contracts will be strictly forbidden. No trustee will be allowed to contract with any teacher after the above date unless the teacher exhibits license signed by the State Board of Examiners.

EUGENE WILLIAMS, Supt. of Education.

### A Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our kind friends for their many kind acts and favors bestowed on us during our dear husband and father's continued illness and our recent bereavement. Words cannot express our gratitude to all who responded so promptly. Their memory is sacred to us forever, never to be forgotten. May our blessed savior reward them, is our earnest prayer.

MRS. KATE RHODES AND FAMILY.

### That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by Hall Drug Co., Druggist.

### Bargains.

Mrs. L. C. Armstrong has a line of Ladies' furnishing goods, which she is selling at a bargain. Also Kid Gloves, Wool Gloves, Ribbons, Silks, Velvets at close prices.

"A thing of beauty, is a joy forever," so as the hats which come from this fashionable millinery store, which you can buy from 15 cents up to \$15.

In sluggish liver, Herbine, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tracts, renders the bile more fluid, and brings the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arise from disorders of the liver. Price 50 cents; sold by Williams Bros.

When three or four women discuss another woman that isn't there, it reminds you of a lot of hens in a flower-bed, going around pecking at things they don't want to eat.

Mrs. H. E. Allen, Wacoche, Ala., writes: Have taken Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine 12 years. I had a Bad Cough; thought I had consumption; could not do my housework. After using it a while I got well and strong and can do my work with perfect ease. I would not give one penny of it for half-dozen Black Draught.

Heaven is probably a place where everybody is out of debt, and the other place is a place where everybody is always chasing you around to make you pay things.

There are few ailments so uncomfortable as piles, but they can easily be cured by using Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment. Relief follows its use, and any one suffering from piles can not afford to neglect to give it a trial. Price, 50 cts. in bottles, tubes 75 cts.; sold by Williams Bros.

A man feels just about as helpless at certain times without a cigar as a woman does when she hasn't got a fan.

Every family should keep Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic to use in case of accident. It is a clean, pleasant liquid, does not soil the person or clothing and is the greatest healing compound on the American market. Buy a 50c. bottle from Hall Drug Co., and keep it convenient.

A woman who is older than her husband lives always in fear of some other woman who is younger than she is.

If troubled with Dizziness, Furred Tongue, Bitter Taste in Mouth, Bloating Feeling after eating, Constipation or Sick Headache, use Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine.

When in the city call around and inspect our job work; it will do you good.

Planters' CUBAN RELIEF cures Colic, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sour Stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 cts. For sale by Hall Drug Co.

After a man has been married two years he never expects his wife to treat him as well as she does the hired girl.

Planters' NUBIAN TEA cures Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price, 25 cts. For sale by Hall Drug Co.

Onion Sets White, Yellow and Red for Sale by J. H. Hammond.

### Fourmile.

Rev. J. C. Lyon preached an interesting sermon here Sunday.

R. W. Armstrong returned Sunday from Selma.

Tom Stamps was the happy escort of Miss Maggie Armstrong Sunday evening.

Andrew Blackmon and family, of Yellow Leaf, spent Saturday and Sunday with C. C. Stamps.

We wonder where the grey mule was Sunday evening?

F. Bridges and family are visiting in Calera.

G. H. Stone of our community, moved to Beeswax last week.

D. P. Perry was married to Miss Fannie Weaver last week.

George Lyons made a business call at J. Perry's Thursday night.

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### Will Run Into Savannah.

It is announced that, commencing December 10, 1899, the Southern Railway Company will operate through train service over its own line via Columbia, Perry, Blackville and Allendale, S. C., into and out of Savannah, Ga.

Commencing that date its through car service will be operated in connection with the Plant System south of Savannah, Ga., and the Florida East Coast Railway, to and from points on the east coast of Florida, with direct connections to and from Key West Fla., Havana, Cuba, and Nassau, N. P., via Miami, Fla., in connection with the Florida East Coast Steamship Line; and in connection with the Plant System south of Savannah to and from other points in Florida, including points on the west coast, with direct connections to and from Key West and Havana, via Tampa, Fla., in connection with the Plant Steamship Line. Washington Post, Nov. 10, 1899.

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J. H. HAMMOND has a complete assortment of goods in store for sale at prices that defy competition. These goods are made from rolled gold plate, gold filled, gold front, or solid gold stock, and are warranted to give perfect satisfaction or the money will be refunded.

If this notice should reach anyone living too far from HAMMOND'S store, or any other customer of ours, to permit their purchasing these goods from our customer, we will sell the goods at retail to such persons, under the same warranty and deliver by mail. We will also send printed instructions as to the care of jewelry—how to clean it, etc., on application.

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10000 yards the best 6 cent calicoes per yard, for 3 1/2 cents  
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Good cotton flannel for 5 cents.  
All Wool, Dress Flannels, the 50 cents kind, for 25 cents.  
All Wool, water proof goods, the 75 cent kind, for 25 cents.  
The best 10 cent Drilling, for 5 cents.  
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Sewing silk thread, all colors, 2 for 5 cents.  
12, No. 1 ball thread for 5 cents.  
Ladies' fine silk Plush Capes, trimmed with Braid, Beads and Fur, \$1.75.  
The best Men's and Boy's suspenders, 10 cents.  
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Boy's knee pants, all wool, 15 cents.  
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10,000 yards, fancy color Ducking, the 10 cent kind, for 5 cents.  
500 Men's all wool overshirts, the \$1.50 kind, for 59 cents.  
30-inch wide, Turkey Red Calicoes, 6 cent goods, for 3 cents.  
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Nice Men's Hats, the latest style, for 35 cents.  
50 Envelopes for 5 cents.  
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Towels by the pound, 15 cents.  
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ry and the best stock of Groceries to be found. Also Christmas Goods, cheaper than the cheapest. Ladies' Capes from 35 cents up; Ladies' Shoes from 65 cents up; Gents' \$1.75 shoes for \$1.00; Good Wool Suits of Clothes for men \$2 each; Boy's, Misses' and Children's Shoes from 10 cents and up. These Goods are going to sell. If you need anything that is kept in a general store, it will pay you to visit this Closing Out Sale.

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## IS BETWEEN HEAT AND COLD.

Perry, Mo., to be Marked With an Old Monument.

A singular mark of honor, and yet one to which it is naturally entitled, has just been conferred upon North Perry, a little village situated in Washington county, about twenty miles from Calais, Me. This hitherto insignificant hamlet is located midway between the equator and the North pole, and this memorable fact is to be noted on a shaft which will be erected within the next few days at one of the most central points in the village.

There is one church in North Perry, and the shaft will be placed on one side of the little path leading from the street to the church door. On the front of the pillar will be but the words: "This stone marks latitude 45 degrees north, halfway from the equator to the North pole."

Naturally this unexpected incident has set the people of North Perry in a flutter of excitement. There are only about 500 persons in the place, and while the men earn their living by acting as guides to hunting parties and by working in the lumber camps, the women and children earn a little money in the spring and fall by picking berries and sending them to the canning factories. Not often do they take a holiday, but they are determined to have one on the day when the shaft is placed in position.

The stone, which has just been completed at a granite quarry near here, was ordered by the government, and the spot which it will occupy has been marked by the geographical surveyors of the United States government as being precisely midway between the equator and the North pole.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, who is at the head of the woman army nurses, and is an assistant to Surgeon-General Stenborg, has the rank of a first lieutenant and is entitled to wear shoulder straps indicative of her rank. Dr. McGee has the distinction of being the only woman officer in the United States army service.

One of the most prominent lawyers of Oklahoma City is Laura Lykins, a half-breed Shawnee woman, who was graduated from the legal department of the Carlisle Indian School in 1898.

The Princeton college flag was at the masthead of the Perry relief ship, along with the stars and stripes, and was carried farther North than any American flag since 1871.

Nathaniel Hawthorne appreciated his publisher, J. M. Fields. "Somehow or other," he wrote once to him, "you smote the rock of public sympathy in my belief and a stream gashed forth in sufficient quantities to quench my thirst, though not to drown me."

Chief Justice James A. Peters, of the supreme court of Maine, is about to resign his office because of increasing years. A member of the state bar, congratulating him upon his pre-eminent service, says: "It is superb, especially for great Americans, to be living in our age. It is a satisfaction and a glory for them to be a part of it."

## The Government Printing Office.

The new government printing office will cost about \$2,000,000, and it is said that even after its completion it will not be large enough to meet the demands upon it. The new building will be eight stories in height, and its floor space will be about nine acres. The floors will sustain a load of about 85,000,000 pounds. Access to the various floors will be obtained by twelve electric elevators. The building will be lighted with 7,000 incandescent lights. A refrigerating plant will furnish cold filtered water on every floor for drinking purposes. A large crematory will destroy all the refuse material, and this will aid in heating water, etc.

## Escape of the Newly Wedded.

A newly married couple in New Brunswick, N. J., circumvented their mischievous friends by starting on their wedding journey by way of the roof. The friends, well supplied with rice and old slippers, stood at the foot of the stairs. The pair ascended to the roof, walked to the adjoining house, then down and through the rear door to a back street, where they entered a waiting carriage and were driven to the railway station.

## Earth Shocks in Asia.

About 1,500 lives have been lost by the earth shocks at Ardian, in Asia Minor. Many towns have been completely wiped out of existence.

## Business in Africa.

Business in South Africa, including Cape Town, is absolutely stagnant. Food stuffs have doubled in price, and thousands are without work or money to buy the necessities of life.

## Odd Superstition of Icelanders.

The Icelanders will not burn ash for firewood, because they believe that those who sit about such a fire will become enemies.

## The Teeth of Elephants.

Elephants have only eight teeth, two below and two above on each side. All baby elephants' teeth fall out when the animal is about 14 years old, and a new set grows.

## Dynamite in the Transvaal.

Dynamite, used in large quantities in the Transvaal, was imported to the value of \$1,110,000. It is exclusively imported by the government.

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## FOR FARM AND GARDEN.

### Restorative Crops.

Clover, cowpeas, soy beans and the like are the best crops to improve worn-out soils. The crops may be cut for hay and grazed, and the beneficial effects still be very great. Where the soil has been very badly injured, however it is best to plow the vines under. Marked results are produced in most cases, the benefit being largely due to the effect on the mechanical condition of the soil. The added vegetable matter enables the soil to retain great amounts of moisture and at some time during the growing season this stored up water is needed.

### Old Hens and Moulting.

Much has been said against the keeping of hens that are over two or three years old, and there is only one point against them, which is that each year a hen will moult later in the season, and the older the hen the later in the season will she moult. When winter comes it many times catches her before she is fully covered with feathers; as a result she will be set back and suffer from the cold, and perhaps not commence laying before the spring.

A little judicious treatment with nitrogenous food not only benefits the fowls, but shortens the periods of moulting, and in addition to that the growth of plumage is stronger and heavier, the fowls being then better able to stand the cold winter. The appearance of the fowl is also improved. The feathers look better and the fowls take on fat and meet the cold weather of winter with a vigorous constitution and in good health, which otherwise might not have been the case.—*Mirror and Farmer.*

### Taking Milk Samples.

Creamery testing may be best checked either by having the creamery sample or duplicating it. When the creamery composite sample is complete and ready for testing the operator may be asked to furnish one half of it. The patron should then be certain that the operator thoroughly mixes the sample by pouring; that all the cream from the sides of the jar, covers, etc., is mixed into the milk or cream, and that the halving is done immediately after the last pouring. In lieu of this the operator may be required every time he samples at the factory to furnish a duplicate sample in a jar controlled by the patron. In this way duplicate composite samples may be made, one held in the control of the operator, the other in that of the patron; both of which should test closely alike. Well-mouthed jars should be used, which should be filled absolutely full to prevent churning in transit. Express charges should be prepaid, and the name of the party sending should be placed upon the package.—*Vermont Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin.*

### Woman's Experience With Fertilizers.

As I am a woman farmer, perhaps my ideas may not be accounted of much value. Nevertheless, experience is worth something whether it be gained by man or woman. Ten years ago, when I made my first attempt at trucking, I had 15 or 20 loads of fine manure hauled on the truck and put upon one large heap. This was done in autumn. The ground was rich loamy soil and sloped toward the south. The first year I sold this manure was not a good one, as the ground was not so rich as the manure was heaped remained frozen for weeks after the other ground was in proper condition for plowing. Again I noticed that where manure was spread thickly the ground retained the frost longer, and as one winter has said, was apt to turn up in clods, and the manure seemed dry and loose. After experimenting for ten years, I have reached the conclusion that there can be no particular rule to suit all farmers. The soil, the slope of the land and the climate must all be taken into consideration.

We are told that we must not follow the rules laid down by our forefathers, that methods of farming have changed so much in the lapse of years that we cannot do with profit pursue the old ways. However, we cannot change nature; that remains the same for all time. Our forefathers seemed to follow the same rule in farming. There were no agricultural colleges, no experimenting, yet if the season was favorable their crop was good. This was due to the fact that the soil was new and not so much land was under cultivation as we now have. Time and education have changed this. We are the better able to discriminate as to which will be the most profitable plans to follow, but I shall continue to watch my neighbors' crops and methods, and whenever I see a good thing, follow it up, providing all things work together for good.—*American Agriculturist.*

### Necessity of Fruit.

It is too bad that the farmers' family can not have all the fruit that they wish to eat, but it is a fact that there are a very large per cent. of farmers' families who consume but little fruit, says a writer in Farm, Field and Fireside. Grapes, for instance, which is one of the most easily grown fruits, is as scarce on a great many farms as are hen's teeth, and this, too, when the young vines can be had for a very few cents each, and take but a little time to set out. The grape is a very wholesome fruit, and there are but few persons who are not fond of it.

It ought to be made a point on every farm to set out some fruit trees every year. Nothing adds so much to the attraction and comfort of the farm home as does the orchard and fruit garden. Who is there that has grown up and gone out from the old home nest that does not look back with pleasure to the orchard where grew those delicious red apples of childhood days? Ought we not to plant fruit trees for those who are to come after us? If there is no other available place to set out trees and vines, why set them along the fences. No matter how little land, one owns, there can surely be room found for a little fruit, and if it ought not to be neglected. A grapevine or two can be trained up the side of the house or other building, and apple trees may be set in such locations as to be ornamental

as well as useful. Why not set fruit-bearing trees and plants about the home for ornament, if you are scant for room, instead of shrubs that produce blossoms only? Is not the apple tree, when in bloom, as handsome as any strictly ornamental tree grown, and then again, in summer or autumn, what is more ornamental than a tree covered with bright red apples?

### The Farmer and His Help.

We have had a number of inquiries about hired help on the farm and how we manage to secure good help. This is one of those problems that everyone must solve for himself. No two men, farms or localities are alike. We can possibly give a few general points that will be applicable to nearly all circumstances.

One rule on our farm is to employ no one that uses intoxicating liquor at any time. No man is employed that is in the habit of using profane language. Loud talking and shouting are forbidden. A man that shirks his duty is promptly discharged. We employ middle-aged married men when we can. We give every man a clear understanding of the kind and amount of work he is to do. Each man has his part of the chore work to do, and no one is allowed to ask him whether he has done his work. We try to see that it is done. We hire all help either by the day or week. All help is paid every Saturday evening. We keep men as long as we can, and reward them for good, honest work. We board some of our help part of the time, and some all the time. We require kind, respectful manners, and give the same in return. We require no man to work extra time or do disagreeable work without extra pay.

Upon our part, we treat men as our equals. We feed them regularly and well. We do not ask them to do more than a good, honest day's work. We begin at six o'clock in the morning and quit at six in the evening. We pay men for every day, wet or dry. We allow a reasonable number of holidays.

In case of sickness or accident we pay a reasonable part of their extra expense. We furnish or give nothing in our contract, but allow our men to share fruit and vegetables with us if we have them to spare and they want them.

We never "boss" a man or give him an unkind word. If he is not satisfactory, we tell him so and discharge him. We allow him the use of a horse and buggy occasionally without charge, but we do not keep a horse for any one. If we furnish a house it is kept in good repair, neatly painted, papered, etc. Well, cistern and out-buildings are also kept in good repair and clean. We pay good wages, and do not discount them for an hour or two lost time if it is unavoidable and reasonable. We try to have our men and their families honest, temperate, industrious and truthful, and we strive to be a model for them.—*Farmers' Guide.*

### Practical Dairy Notes.

Poor care in the dairy will tear down faster than good blood can ever build up.

A Babcock milk tester is as necessary in a creamery or cheese factory as a plow is on a farm. Regularity in milking, to prove profitable, must be observed not by the week or month but by the year. If possible, raise your own cows, but if you have to buy, test every animal before you purchase, by milking her yourself.

The appearance of a butter package is a guide to the quality within. No really good maker ever packs butter in an untidy manner.

A clean milking place yields pure, sweet milk, which in turn produces gilt-edged butter, which fetcheth the top of the market price.

Those dairymen who "deacon" their calves instead of turning them into veal will have an extra hard time in raising the interest on their mortgages.

It should be considered as an accomplishment equal to proficiency in music and painting, that a farmer's daughter be able to make first-class butter.

The dairymen who has had an educated conscience and heads it, will not allow dirt to sift into the open top of the milk pail and then strain it out through the funnel.

The dairymen who has faith in his vocation and makes money from it is not afraid to invest his profits in improvements of farm and cattle that will yield him compound interest.

First class cheese can only be produced by the co-operation of dairymen with their local cheese maker. Some dairymen are years in finding this out, much to their financial loss. Economy in the dairy means liberality of purpose. To economize on the grade of salt you use in your buttermilk or the character of feed you give your cows, is the rankest prodigality.

It takes years of perseverance and experience to build up a good dairy, but only a few weeks of mismanagement will tear it down.—*American Cultivator.*

### Tricks of Choir Singers.

One of the English bishops has been complaining that he notices about many choir boys and men a want of reverence and of attention to the services that are going on, and he expresses this by saying that the choirboys talk in song and have a sort of "voluntary" of their own wherein they drop the original words and, to sacred music, chant, "I am so hungry; I hope we shall finish soon."

But this, in reality, is a very old complaint, and the average stage manager is far more afflicted by it than even are choirmasters connected with places of worship. The rows of chorists and girls one sees on the stage carry on long and animated conversations about everything under the sun, and all to music. And all the time they indulge in the gestures they have been taught as appropriate to the scenes, their thoughts are really with the themes of their musical chat, and thus it is that these gestures seem so wooden and artificial. And it is a fact that the great bulk of the chorists people engaged in the highest class "Italian" opera sing any gibberish they please.

The area of the Orange River Free State is 70,000 square miles. That is to say, it is smaller by about 40,000 square miles than the Transvaal.

## A CITY OF MONKEYS.

One of the Strangest Sights in the Whole of India.

Mrs. Clara Erskine Clement describes graphically a visit to the ancient city of Anker, in India, and which is inhabited only by a few priests and thousands of monkeys. The hill on which the old city stands is surrounded by other high hills, crowned with towers and ramparts and covered with trees. The great castle fortress stands out boldly. The old zenana, or woman's apartments—an extensive block of buildings, surrounded by a court—is the only place which is inhabited. This is a well populated and lively quarter, since a tribe of langour or honoomann monkeys have taken possession, and dwell here in comfort and freedom. The Hindus religiously refrain from hurting or killing any animal, and the monkeys, having no fear, are monarchs of all they choose to take.

The honoomann, or langour, is the sacred monkey, and the largest found in India. Its height is from two and a half to four feet; its body is singularly slender and supple; its face is black and smooth, except for long white whiskers; the hair on the body is gray on the back and white under the stomach; its tail is long and bare, with a single tuft of hair on the end. The Hindus have a legend which explains its very black face. It says that ages ago Honoomann, the king of the monkeys, went to assist Rama in the conquest of Ceylon. The demon-king had carried off Lita, wife of Rama, and he was determined to rescue her. As they came near to the island, Honoomann easily leaped over the straits, so skillful a jumper was he, and, finding Lita, he was comforting her with the news that her husband was approaching, when Ravana, the demon-king, appeared and set fire to the monkey's long tail, he gave him his freedom that he might return to Rama. Honoomann succeeded in blowing out the fire at the end of his tail, but in so doing he blackened his face and singed his hair in a most becoming fashion. The loss of his beauty so saddened the poor beast that Rama made all the monkeys of his kind kalamouk, or black-faced, which they remain to this day.—*St. Nicholas Magazine.*

### Words of Praise From a Banker.

Mr. C. E. Curtis, of the Atlanta National Bank, is very careful with his words, not only in financial, but in his conversation generally. He suffered much from indigestion, and writes: "I have used Tynar's Dyspepsia Remedy in attack of acute indigestion, and have always found it to give instant relief. I could not eat a morsel of food until I used it. It cost me 50 cents a bottle, but it cured me, and I feel better than I have for years. I have paid for Tynar's Dyspepsia Remedy Co., 45 Mitchell St., Atlanta, Ga."

Three judges of the Japanese court recently visited the Royal English courts. They were shown the building by Sir Kenneth Blair Mackenzie, Q. C., and the superintendent.

### To Cure Constipation Forever.

Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money. It is said that the first American patent was granted by the general office of the U. S. Patent Office in 1648. It was called a monopoly and was to run for fourteen years.

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Two traveling salesmen in each Southern State, \$20 and expenses. Experience not absolutely necessary. For particulars address: Picochato Tobacco Works Co., Bedford 417, Va.

Chief Dennis J. Swenke, of the Chicago fire department, has fought fire for fifty years. He entered the service December 3, 1848, and is now a rest, but does not want one. He has always been efficient and still is so.

### Beauty Is Blood Deep.

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The good are joyful and serene, like travelers that are going toward home; the wicked but by intervals happy, like travelers that are going into exile.—*Goldsmith.*

### Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

by local applications, as they can only be cured by the use of the Eustachian tube. It is not only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a running ear, which is not cured by local treatment, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are cured by a method which is not advertised, and which is not a secret, but is a simple and safe method. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

Sold by J. C. WENNER & Co., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

After physicians had given me up, I was saved by Picochato's Catarrh Cure, Wilmington, Pa., Nov. 22, 1893.

### Their Superstitions.

The famous Dr. Samuel Johnson would never take a room left foot foremost, and a brave Marshal Saxe was in terror at the sight of a cat. Peter the Great was in a tremor of fear if he had to cross a bridge, and Byron turned pale if he spilled salt at the table.

Mohammed directed his followers to exclaim the equivalent of our "God bless you!" when anyone sneezed, and the Romans and Greeks had a similar phrase. George Augusta Sala, the noted journalist, always carried with him a lucky card, the ace of spades.

Samuel Pepys, the man who wrote the diary, bought a hare's foot, which he cherished as warding off bad luck and illness. We buy rabbits' feet today for the same cheerful purpose. How many people avoid going under a ladder or breaking a funeral procession? And how many will change a garment if they put it on wrong side out in dressing?

Mrs. W. K. Clifford, the English novelist, does a great deal of her writing at night, but once confessed to Professor Huxley that she very foolishly gets scared when everyone has gone to bed and has left her alone.

The silence of the night makes her nervous and she can get little done. "I always hear burglars moving about," she said.

"So do I," said the great man, instantly. "When I am at work nights I can see them watching me through the crack of the door." Geniuses have vivid imaginations.



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**Cure Epitaph in New Hampshire.**  
A recent person's epitaph is to be seen on a tombstone in the graveyard at Stone, N. H. It runs thus: "I was somebody—who, is no business of yours." There is not another word or even letter on the stone.

**Czar's Household.**  
The military household of the czar is composed of ninety-eight officers of various ranks, eighty-two of whom belong to the army and fifteen to the navy. Nineteen members of the royal family are included in the list.

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Are cured without pain in one day by Leonard's Golden Eye Lotion. There is no other remedy so soothing, healing, prompt and effective. It makes strong eyes. Guaranteed or money refunded. Druggists sell it at 25c, or forwarded prepaid on receipt of price by S. B. Leonard & Co., Tampa, Fla.

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It is said a man in Atlanta, Ga., has sent to Admiral Dewey an autograph letter from Admiral Farragut, in which he wrote: "That young Dewey is a very promising chap."

**How Are Your Kidneys?**  
Dr. Hobbs' Spargue Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

A New Yorker who died recently made this amusing disposition of his clothing: "I give to my beloved wife my wearing apparel for her use during her life and her death to be distributed among my children, share and share alike."

Each package of PUTNAM FADELESS DYE colors more goods than any other dye, and colors better too. Sold by all druggists.

Prof. Theodore Mommsen has just published a work on Roman criminal law. The work is a large octavo volume containing one thousand and seventy-eight pages. Prof. Mommsen is now 85 years of age.

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**What Is Lyddite?**  
Lyddite shells, which the British are using against the Boers, and which make such frightful havoc where they explode, are used solely in the British service. Lyddite, a secret compound something like the French melinite, is a high explosive six times more powerful than gunpowder, and the shells separate into thousands of fragments, making it a frightful instrument of war.

**Compressed Coffee Tablets.**  
A process has been invented and patented in Brazil for preparing coffee in tablets by a system of compression. It is argued that not only will there be less expense in exporting coffee in this form, but that the customer will be more certain of thus receiving for his use the pure, unadulterated article.

## SCIENCE AND PROGRESS.

A few years ago a sea wall was built at Barrow, England, to keep the sea from the workings of a mine, and it is now proposed to make an embankment 6,750 yards long, to inclose about 170 acres of land, under which the mine has been extended, the existence of ore having been demonstrated under that area. It is estimated that the work will cost nearly \$3,000,000, but the ore is of the finest quality.

An electric rack railway has been built at Laon, France, to connect the railway station with an elevated plateau 672 feet above the station, where most of the inhabitants live. The overhead trolley system is used in combination with a rack-rail track. Ordinary street cars are used seating forty passengers. The total cost of the line, which is a mile and a quarter long, was nearly \$90,000.

The French government is considering the advisability of discontinuing the use of the guillotine and contemplating the adoption in its stead of electrical execution. The head of the criminal is enclosed in a helmet somewhat similar to that used by a diver. When the executioner turns on the current two needles leap from their sockets, penetrate the temples and enter the brain. A powerful alternating current ruptures and destroys the brain cells so quickly that it is believed that death will be instantaneous. This seems like a clumsy method of execution, says the Scientific American, but there is no question that it will be efficacious.

Armored trains are being used to transport troops and passengers through the districts which are menaced in the Transvaal. Such trains are nearly always improvised, and are nothing more than a train of ordinary freight cars whose resistance to attack has been increased by plating the inside with sheets of metal. Holes are pierced in the cars, through which rifles and small cannon can be used on the attacking party. Sometimes a freight car mounting a piece of artillery forms a part of a train. These trains are improvised as needed, and are fitted up with the nearest materials available, such as sheets of steel, sand bags or lumber. Such trains were used with great satisfaction in the Egyptian war.

### Something New in Spain.

Until a year ago such a thing as an electric car was unknown in Spain. The cars in a few principal towns that could boast of having tramways of any kind were drawn through the streets at a jog trot pace by horses, or more frequently mules. Within the last few months, however, foreign enterprise has been the means of inaugurating electric traction in the streets of Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Bilbao and San Sebastian, and the lead thus taken by the principal tramway companies in the chief cities of Spain is likely to be quickly followed by others.

**Bees Steal Back Piffled Honey.**  
A curious incident of the bee world is reported from Hampshire, England. A cottager took two large bars of honey and a square section from one of his hives. This honey he put into a large pan and covered it with a cloth, placing it in an up-stairs room of his cottage. During the day the bees got scent of the honey through the open window, and the whole hive entered the room, crept under the cloth cover and took away all the honey in an incredibly short time and stored it in their hive again. The quantity was about ten pounds in weight.

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## STATE NEWS CLEANINGS

Interesting Topics Gathered From All Parts of Alabama.

### SCHOOL BOARD IN SESSION AT THE CAPITAL

Large Warrant Issued by the Auditor. An Old Steel Plant to Be Rebuilt. A New Branch of the L. & N. May Be Built—Brevities.

The state board of public school examiners met in the capital Friday for the purpose of beginning the examination of papers of applicants for positions to teach in the public schools, prepared at the December examinations. The full board, including Superintendent Abernethy, J. L. Dodson and G. W. Brock, were present. The board will have plenty of work at this session, as the indications are that more than 2,000 persons have applied for license. At the first examination in June there were 2,864 applicants, 1,450 of whom were granted license. At the September examination there were about 3,000 applicants, 2,050 of whom were granted license. If this same ratio is kept up during the present examination, there will be about 5,000 licensed teachers in the state, which is near the requisite mark to fill all of the schools.

#### Large Warrant Issued.

The state auditor issued an unusually large warrant on the treasurer Friday. It was for the sum of \$200,000, and was issued for the purpose of paying the January, 1900, interest on the bonded debt of the state. The full amount due in January will be \$224,340. The treasurer has \$155,000 of the interest money already in New York, and he will have to transmit about \$45,000 more, as \$200,000 of the interest money is due in New York. The remaining \$23,480 is payable in Montgomery.

#### To Rebuild a Steel Plant.

The old Henderson steel mill at North Birmingham is to be rebuilt and enlarged and put in operation at an early date. The Henderson plant was some time ago sold to the Union Steel and Chain Co., of New York. E. L. Harper, vice president and general manager of that company, and J. H. Holmes of Holmes & Co., bankers, New York, a director. Four new 25-ton furnaces are to be put in at the start, and others will probably be added the latter part of next year. They will be of the latest pattern of the basic open-hearth process.

#### A New Branch Railroad.

The preliminary survey has been made by the Louisville and Nashville railroad for a new branch road to run from Cullman into the Warrior coal field. The western terminus of the branch will be near the confluence of Sipsey river and Mulberry creek, between thirty and forty miles southwest of Cullman. This road, if built, will give the Louisville and Nashville access to the heart of the Warrior coal fields, and thus enable them to divide the immense tonnage originating in that section.

#### Morgan Sweeps Colbert County.

With nine small boxes to hear from, Delaney, the Morgan candidate for democratic nominee for representative of Colbert county, has received 1,554 votes, against McWhorter, the Johnston candidate, who has received 827 votes. The majority of Delaney will be fully 1,000 over his opponent. Senator Morgan has not been in the county for a number of years. Governor Johnston stamped the county two weeks ago.

#### Has Not Been Settled.

Birmingham gin manufacturing people, when questioned concerning the combination alleged to have been formed, including manufacturing concerns in Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Avondale, Prattville, Ala., and Dallas, Tex., say that the matter has not been settled by any means, and that though the negotiations to that end are in process, the consummation has not yet occurred. Almost all of the patents on gins now used in the south will be controlled when the combination is formed.

#### Fleming Won in Coffee County Primary.

In the democratic primary in Coffee county Fleming was chosen for the legislature, defeating Deans and Dalton by a majority over both. The two latter are Johnston men. Mr. Fleming is for Oates.

R. H. Arrington was endorsed for senator from the district of Pike, Coffee and Crenshaw. He is also reported to be an Oates man.

#### The Forfeit Put Up.

Chappell Cory, private secretary to the governor, says that there is no mystery about the forfeiture by Mr. DeBardeleben of the \$2,500 he put up as a bonus to secure the option on the Montevallo land. The check was deposited with the secretary of the treasury and is now in his hands. The governor stated in a speech in Jackson county that the money had been forfeited to the school and the incident was closed as far as he was concerned.

#### No Populist Candidate for Tuscaloosa.

The populist executive committee of Tuscaloosa county met at the court house Friday, and after several hours' session it was determined by resolution not to put out a ticket, but to accept the declarations of the democratic party, and vote as democrats in the county democratic primaries. The was a small minority in the passage of the resolution.

#### An Important Deal Closed.

R. R. Grace, manager of the Southern Handle Factory at Huntsville, which was destroyed by fire several weeks ago, has returned from New York, where he succeeded in enlisting a number of capitalists who will establish a \$60,000 spoke and handle factory and operate various portable plants as feeders throughout Madison county.

#### Madison County Primary.

Further returns from Madison county indicate that the following ticket of democratic nominees for county officers has been elected by the primary election of Friday.

A. D. Rogers, sheriff; John W. Garner, tax assessor; J. E. Gardner, tax collector; L. E. Collier, treasurer; Sam Darwin and J. A. Watkins, commissioners.

#### Plunged Into a Fire.

Miss Julia, the 18-year-old daughter of W. R. Mallory, was fatally burned at her father's residence five miles east of Ozark. The family were out at breakfast except the young lady and her aged grandmother, when she was attacked by an epileptic fit and plunged head first into the fire on the hearth.

#### BRIEFLY NOTED.

Jessie Porter, while handling a steam hammer in the Louisville & Nashville railroad shops at New Decatur, had both hands mashed off, and is in a critical condition.

The new hoop and barrel factory at Huntsville makes a specialty of lime barrels, which have heretofore been urged as a drawback against the extensive operation of limekilns in this city.

The total assessment of real estate for 1899 in Etowah county is \$2,398,451, and personal, \$1,915,379, making a total of \$4,313,830. To a real and personal in the state is \$258,960,487, and the tax is \$4,424,329.13.

The total assessment of taxable property in Sumter county for the present year is in the following figures: Real estate, \$1,744,080; personal property, \$1,658,140. Total, \$3,402,220.

The Southern railway has leased a plot of ground, adjoining the Alabama cotton oil mills, at Huntsville, to George W. Stegall, a prominent saw mill operator at Tallahoma, Tenn. Stegall will build a saw mill on the ground and expects to invest about \$40,000 in the plant.

The Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron company has acquired another good sized slice of Alabama mineral land. This property is situated in Jefferson county, and was purchased for \$9,880. The property consists of coal and iron ore lands, sixty acres in all, and is located on the Warrior river.

A school for young ladies will be established in the Nottingham hotel at Plantersville.

A letter was received in the governor's office Saturday morning from Captain S. Plovman, chairman of the executive committee of the Montevallo Girls' Industrial school, notifying the governor that all the funds for building purposes had been exhausted, and asking that the governor negotiate a loan of \$80,000, which he was recently authorized by the trustees to do, in order that work on the magnificent buildings now being erected might not be suspended.

The last story of the first Merriam mill at Huntsville is nearly finished and ready for the roof. It is safe to say that with fair weather the present month will witness the entire completion of this immense building and see it ready for the machinery. While the machinery is being placed in position the immense smoke stack will be constructed. The other seven mills will be erected in due time.

## ALEJANDRINO HAS GIVEN UP

REPORT THAT THE FILIPINO GENERAL HAS SURRENDERED.

### SEVENTY FILIPINOS KILLED AND WOUNDED

General Pilar is Slain in a Battle With the American Troops—Was Commander of Aguinaldo's Body Guard—Philippine Notes.

A Sunday's cable dispatch from Manila says: An expedition headed by the battleship Oregon left Manila for Subig last night.

It is reported the Filipino commander general, Alejandrino, with his staff, has surrendered to General MacArthur, and there is also a rumor that Alejandrino is at Aguilar, suffering from a wound received in a fight between insurgents and bandits, and he will be given an opportunity to surrender and will be properly cared for.

Major Spence, with a column of the Thirty-second regiment, captured a new insurgent camp and uncompleted stronghold in the Tassan district. He left Dinalupap at daybreak yesterday and marched ten miles along mountain trails, finally encountering a large band of insurgents, who retreated after a brief skirmish. The Americans had no losses.

The records of the treasury of the so-called Filipino government, together with a quantity of paper money and another Nordenfeldt, have been found at Mangatrem.

Three Americans who, with a commissary sergeant of the Twelfth infantry, were traveling from San Fernando to Angeles, left their escort for a moment and went into the bush. As they did not return speedily, a search was made for them, but they could not be found. They were probably captured by the rebels.

A mail orderly disappeared between Angeles and Bamban. He also is supposed to have been captured.

#### GEN. PILAR IS SLAIN.

The Commander of Aguinaldo's Body Guard Killed in Battle.

General Gregorio del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's body guard, was killed by Major Peyton C. March's battalion of the Thirty-third infantry in a fight eighteen miles northwest of Cervantes, Luzon, December 8.

According to reports which General Young obtained from escaped Spanish prisoners at Vigan several days ago, Major March left the coast, where he was pursuing Aguinaldo, and encountered Gen. del Pilar on a fortified trail. They fought for four hours, during which time seventy Filipinos were killed and wounded.

The American loss was one man killed and six wounded. The Spaniards report that Major March is still pursuing the insurgents. Del Pilar was one of the anti-Spanish revolutionaries and of the anti-Spanish revolution. He was a mere youth and was reported to have graduated at an European university. Professor Schurman met him as a member of the first peace commission and rated him as remarkably clever.

The Americans occupied Bangued, province of Abra. General Grant's expedition has visited Orani and several western towns, meeting small bands. He killed several of the rebels and captured a considerable quantity of munitions of war.

Commander Howell Doud. Commander P. Howell, chief engineer of the United States battleship Maine, when that vessel was blown up in Havana harbor, died of apoplexy in New York Saturday.

#### The Niagara Lost in Lake Erie.

It is now certain that the Canadian steamer Niagara, Captain Henry McGlory, foundered on Tuesday evening last about 70 miles east of Long Point, Lake Erie, with all hands, numbering sixteen persons. Tugs sent out from Port Colborne and from Buffalo to search for the missing steamer have returned, bringing with them great quantities of wreckage picked up near where the steamer is supposed to have foundered. The wreckage includes a part of the deck and portions of the cabin.

#### Election By the People.

The lower house of the Georgia legislature has adopted a resolution memorializing Georgia's representatives in Congress to vote for and use their best efforts to secure the passage of Senator Clay's bill for a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by the people. There was no dissenting vote.

## SEVERE BLOW TO BRITISH ARMY.

Gatancro's Forces Met a Crushing Defeat at Stromberg, South Africa.

A Monday's cable dispatch from London says: It is hardly too much to regard General Gatancro's repulse near Stromberg as the most serious defeat British arms have yet sustained in the whole campaign.

Already the official advices show that two men were killed, nine officers and seventeen men were wounded and nine officers and 596 men are missing. But it is evident that the worst is not yet known. The proportion of wounded and killed is so small when compared with the missing—who are undoubtedly prisoners in the hands of the Boers—that the supplementary list of casualties is awaited with serious misgivings.

It is also feared that there were serious losses of guns and equipment. The most serious aspect of the affair is the effect it is likely to have on the Dutch in Cape Colony, who have been wavering as to whether to throw in their lot with the Boers. Hosts of the northern farmers are now likely to join the rebellion. Defeat is also serious because it will delay the junction of General Gatacre with General French at Naauwpoort. The plan was for their combined forces to relieve the pressure on Lord Methuen's column.

#### BOTH DUELISTS KILLED

Prominent Arkansas Planters Fight in Mississippi.

A duel was fought at Greenville, Mississippi, Saturday which resulted in the instant death of J. C. Connerly, a lawyer and planter of Lake Village, Ark., and Alfred B. Duncan, general manager of the Red Leaf plantation and stores, who lived near Sunnyside, Ark. The exact cause of the tragedy has not been learned, but it is said to have been the result of a business misunderstanding in the district in which they resided. Connerly received six bullet wounds in different parts of his body, while Duncan was struck but once, a load of buckshot in the left breast.

#### BAILEY WILL RENEW FIGHT.

Ex-Leader Will Renew His Case Against General Wheeler.

A special from Washington says: Representative Bailey, of Texas, is ready to protest against General Wheeler's admission to congress should he return from Manila and present himself to assume his position as representative from Alabama. Mr. Bailey will contend that Mr. Wheeler cannot hold two positions—major-general of volunteers and a member of congress—at the same time.

#### TAYLOR IS GOVERNOR

His Plurality in Kentucky is Placed at 2383.

At 9:45 Saturday morning the election certificate of William S. Taylor was signed by the Election Commissioners and he was declared to be Governor-elect of Kentucky. The official figures of the vote filed with State Finley are: Taylor, 193,714; Goebel, 191,331; Taylor's plurality, 2,383. The operation, which ended for the time being, at least, the bitterly fought gubernatorial contest, was conducted in the simplest manner.

#### Killed Mother and Babe.

Lucy-Carbon and her child in arms, were killed at Adamsville, Ga., by Jim Mayfield. Frank Bird was also wounded by the same shot which killed mother and daughter. The men were at the woman's house and quarrelled over some trivial matter. The murderer escaped.

The will of Major J. Beatty, who died near Alexandria, leaves an estate of \$25,000, principally to a nephew, J. B. Hobson, of Memphis. A negro boy is also provided for. An interesting part of the work of winding up the estate was the blowing open of a small safe in Gadsden Monday. Major Beatty had left the safe in Gadsden years ago and no one knew what it contained. The key to the safe could not be found, and it was necessary to blow it open. In the safe were found deeds, etc., and a large amount of money, some of the coins dating back to 1832.

#### Two Manila Heroes Ill.

One of Dewey's war captains, Commander E. P. Wood, is lying seriously ill at his residence in Washington of typhoid fever. This officer commanded the Little Petrel, which ran in and silenced the Cavite forts in the battle of Manila bay.

Dr. P. H. Rixey, the physician attending Commander Wood and Lieut. Brumby, reports the condition of both officers to be as favorable as can be expected at the present stage.

## A FATAL MINE EXPLOSION

Appalling Loss of Life in a Western Mine.

### THIRTY-TWO IS THE NUMBER OF DEAD

Believed That a Small Pocket of Gas Was Opened, Causing the Explosion—Forty-four of the Miners Escaped—Six Injured.

A special from Carbonado, Wash., says: In the mines of the Carbon Hill Coal company a disaster occurred in which a large number of miners lost their lives. Sixteen bodies have been taken from the mines, and it is believed that few of the seventy or eighty men who were in the mines at the time escaped.

Shortly before 11:45 o'clock Saturday this extraordinarily quiet mining village was stunned with the first report of a terrific subterranean explosion in the Carbon Hill mine, the tunnels of which run for miles under the town. There was an enormous rumbling, smothered sound for a few moments, and then it ceased abruptly.

#### LATER ACCOUNT.

Stunned by the suddenness of the mine horror, the people of Carbonado seem too dazed for any expression of grief of a demonstrative nature. Thirty-two is the number of dead. Two men were rescued at 5 o'clock Sunday morning, after being entombed in the mine all night. The injured number six. All are severely burned. The theory of Superintendent Davies is that a small pocket of gas was opened, became ignited and caused the explosion. The total number of men in the shaft was seventy six, of whom forty-four escaped, or were rescued.

#### MINERAL PROPERTY SOLD.

Purchased by a New York Syndicate to Be Developed.

Transfers of valuable and extensive cold and iron properties to new hands were signed in New York Saturday morning. Frederick C. Dunn, of Chicago, has been there for several weeks carrying the negotiations through. The properties comprised in the deal are those of the Woodstock Iron company, consisting of two well equipped and modern blast furnaces, 46,000 acres of iron and coal land, the adjacent lands of the Guerne Land company, 20,000 acres, furnaces, etc., in Anniston, Ala., and the celebrated Etina Coal company's plant, of coke ovens, 18,000 acres of coal lands, etc., located in Tennessee.

The consideration is more than \$1,000,000, and the properties pass into the hands of strong men financially, who immediately will put the furnaces into blast.

#### BIG BLAZE IN AUGUSTA, GA.

Lost by Fire Will Amount to Million Dollars.

A fire, which had its origin in a dry goods store in Augusta, Ga., shortly after 2 o'clock Sunday morning, did not cease, its ravages until 6 o'clock. A solid block in the center of the business portion of the city was laid waste and the damage will approximate \$1,000,000. There were no casualties. The flames were discovered in the second story of the big wholesale and retail dry goods store of J. B. White, and by the time the fire department had responded to the alarm, the flames were beyond control.

The Arlington annex and the stores beneath it, abutted the store of J. B. White and were involved in the first onslaught of the flames after getting outside of White's big store.

#### Four Children Cremated.

Friday night on Mr. Ed Walker's place, at Walkers, Green county, Ga., a negro woman, the wife of Dunk Broomfield, went to a quilting party, locking up in the house her four children, whose ages ranged from two to nine years, her husband being absent from home. On returning to the house she found it in ashes and all four of the children burned to death, their bodies being hardly recognizable as human. How the fire originated is not known.

#### Offer to Sell Danish West Indies.

The Danish government has made another offer to sell the Danish West Indies to the United States. The proposition was laid before the state department by a representative of the Danish government, and the matter is now under consideration. The American embassy in London is assisting in the negotiations. The price asked for the islands is \$3,000,000.

## FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Reading of the President's Message Overshadowed by the Roberts Case.

After an interesting debate of three hours the house Tuesday by a vote of 202 to 80 adopted the resolution offered by Mr. Taylor, of Ohio, for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges against Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative-elect from Utah. Previously the house had rejected a substitute resolution offered by Mr. Richardson, the leader of the minority, to allow Mr. Roberts to be sworn in and to send the whole case to the judiciary committee. This substitute resolution, however, by no means commanded the full democratic strength. Only 57 members voted for it. Of the 50 who voted against the Taylor resolution all were democrats but two, Mr. Loud, republican, Colorado, and Mr. Newlands, silverite, Nevada. By the terms of the resolution Mr. Roberts is not only excluded from all participation in the proceedings of the house until the committee reports and the house passed upon his case, but he is denied a seat in the hall. Whether this will be interpreted to deny him admission within the chamber pending the disposition of his case is yet to be decided.

The reading of the president's message, which consumed two and a half hours, was completely overshadowed by the dramatic proceedings which resulted in the action of the house today.

The most remarkable feature of the debate was the fact that Mr. Roberts' presentation of his own side of the case, which lasted almost an hour, became so absorbing that he won the sympathy of many of those in the galleries, and was several times showered with applause. It was evident that he realized that the house was overwhelmingly against him, and at times he spoke fiercely and defiantly.

The death of the late Representative Settle of Kentucky, was then announced, and at 6:25, as a further mark of respect, the house adjourned until Thursday.

#### The Senate.

Today's session of the senate lasted two hours and forty minutes, practically the entire time being consumed in the reading of the president's message. The reading was largely perfunctory, few senators according to any attention. The senate adopted resolutions of regret on the death of Senator-elect Haywood, of Nebraska, presented by Senator Thurston, and as a further mark of respect, immediately adjourned.

#### SENATE FLOODED WITH BILLS.

The First Introduced Was a Financial Measure.

Nearly 800 bills and joint resolutions, several important concurrent resolutions and petitions, numbering hundreds, were presented to the senate Wednesday. A majority of the bills were old stagers. A few were of national interest and importance.

Mr. Aldrich had the honor of introducing the first measure in the senate. It was the financial bill drawn by the senate committee on finance, of which Mr. Aldrich is chairman, and probably was the most important measure introduced during the day. Resolutions were offered providing for an investigation of polygamy recently presented in connection with what is known as the Roberts case, expressing the sympathy of the senate for the Boers in their war with Great Britain and declaring that Senator N. B. Scott, of West Virginia, is not entitled to a seat in the senate.

Among other bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Cullom, of Illinois: To provide a form of government for Hawaii; to pension war veterans over 70 years old.

By Mr. Pettus, of Alabama: To repeal the war stamp act.

By Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire: To prohibit senators and representatives from performing the functions of the executive; to prohibit the issuance of customs and internal applying the customs and internal revenue laws of the United States to the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico after January 1, 1900, goods between the islands and the United States to be exchanged as between the states.

#### SHORT SESSION IN BOTH HOUSES.

Mr. Underwood Introduced a Bill to Build an Arsenal at Birmingham.

The session of the house lasted only half an hour Thursday. Mr. Overstreet, of Indiana, in charge of the finance bill, attempted to reach an agreement for its consideration next week, but Mr. Richardson, on behalf of the minority, rejected the proposals on the ground that a bill so important as this should go through the regular channels.

The speaker thereupon appointed the committee on rules, which is to include himself, Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio; Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee; and Mr. Bailey, of Texas. They will hold a meeting and decide upon a rule for the limits of the debate, which undoubtedly will consume the whole of next week.

Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, introduced the following important bills:

First.—A bill to fix the compensation of United States commissioners in Alabama, which provides that instead of the fees now received by the commissioners they shall receive a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

Second.—A bill to provide for the erection of an armor plate factory.

This bill provides for the appropriation \$4,000,000 for the erection of this factory, the site to be located by a naval board.

Third.—A bill to establish an arsenal at Birmingham, Ala., for the manufacture of heavy ordnance.

#### The Senate.

Routine proceedings in the senate Thursday were overshadowed by a colloquy between Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, and Mr. Hale, of Maine, over a bill introduced by the former to promote athletic sports at the military academy at West Point, and the naval academy at Annapolis.

An invitation was extended through President Pro Tem. Frye to the senate to attend the George Washington centennial memorial services to be held in this city on Thursday, December 14, under the auspices of the Improved Order of Red Men. Senator Depew is to deliver the oration upon the occasion.

Mr. Chandler, of New Hampshire, offered resolutions instructing the committee on privileges and elections to investigate the right of William A. Clark, of Montana, and Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, to seats in the senate, and to take testimony. The resolutions were referred to the committee on continuing expenses.

At 12:50 p. m. the senate went into executive session, and soon afterward adjourned and will hold no further sessions until Monday.

#### POPULAR SCIENCE.

Contrary to popular belief, excitement causes much less insanity than monotony.

According to Liebig, the alkali in asparagus develops form in the human brain.

Professor Dewar has succeeded in solidifying hydrogen into a glassy, transparent mass.

Lord Kelvin in a lecture stated that as a result of recent investigation it was estimated that the earth had been the abode of life about thirty million years.

Italian physicians have satisfied themselves that the mosquitoes which abound in Venice never convey the poison of malaria because it is not found in the marshes of the vicinity.

An expedition consisting entirely of women has been formed in Australia to explore the Solomon Islands, the home of the fiercest cannibals known. Hitherto white men have been able to penetrate only a few miles inland.

Increasing experience, according to Dr. Hutchinson, confirms the view that cancer begins as a strictly local disease, and that complete removal at an early stage will cure eighty per cent. of all cases. Thus far all search for a drug has failed.

A series of experiments made by Benno Erdmann and Raymond Dodge show that in normal reading the letters are not spelled out separately and one after the other, but that a short word of not more than four letters can be read off in less time than a single letter.

In the summer the Northern Hemisphere is turned more perpendicularly toward the sun, hence it is warmer in summer than in winter, when the hemisphere is turned more sideways to the sun. In the summer the earth is more distant from the sun than in winter.

Some incense bushes, now in full leaf, are a unique treasure of the Botanical Garden of the Vienna University. The secret of where these plants grow is carefully guarded by the Arabs, but Dr. Oskar Simony succeeded last winter in getting these live specimens in Southern Arabia.

A house in Italy that was struck by lightning last April has yielded Dr. Folgerherter some interesting facts. The lightning produced a large number of magnetic points and zones in the masonry, amply proving that lightning may independently yield marked magnetization, and that magnetic points may be so formed in tufa.

The light which comes to us from the sun in eight minutes might journey ten thousand billion years and not reach the borderland of the universe. It has no limits. It can never have none. Yet the same laws rule it throughout. And every force, all power within it, all the laws that govern it, work for harmony and happiness.

#### The Invention of Lamps.

The invention of lamps is ascribed to the Egyptians. In the British Museum are two colored glazed tiles which were fixed in the centre of the ceiling; each has a large knob pierced through the base to receive a cord for suspending a lamp; around the base of each is an inscription stating that it formed part of the decoration of the Temple of Kamunari at Calah Nimrod in the time of Assur-Abla, 885 B. C.

What the lamps were made of cannot now be ascertained, but there is plenty of contemporaneous glass which has been discovered in the neighborhood. The sacred lamps in Greek temples, whose undying flames are perpetually watched by vestals, were probably of metal and the wick formed of asbestos. In the public baths at Pompeii two lamps were used, each to light two rooms. These lamps were protected by circular convex glasses, fragments of which were found on the spot.

#### Repulsions.

Nothing is more annoying than for a sensible man to associate with a fool, unless it is for a fool to associate with a sensible man.—Athenian Globe.

A Brooklyn preacher says there are 700,000 persons in the city who do not go to church.



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# THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

## SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

W. O. Walls is in the city.  
O. O. Bird is in Birmingham.  
J. E. Ruffin, of Montevallo, was here Monday.  
Sam Pardue, of Longview, was here Tuesday.  
C. A. Glaze, of Creswell, was in town Monday.  
J. T. Porter, of Calera, was in town this week.  
The city has been full of drummers this week.  
J. W. Johnston spent yesterday in Birmingham.  
Will Smith was down from Wilkesville Tuesday.  
J. M. Luquire, of Calvery, was in town Saturday.  
J. R. Beavers moved last week to the jail residence.  
J. H. Mason, of Wilsonville, was in the city Sunday.  
John B. Randall, of Calera, was in the city Tuesday.  
Rev. J. G. Walker is quite sick at the Central Hotel.  
R. W. Cobb, of Birmingham, was in the city this week.  
T. J. Martin, of Harpersville, was the city Monday.  
If you feel Dull, Languid, Broken-Down, Debilitated, have Weak Stomach or Indigestion, use Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine.  
Dr. B. H. Smothers, of Weldon, was in town yesterday.  
J. K. Milner, of Anniston, was in the city last Friday.  
Sam Wallace, of Harpersville, was in the city Monday.  
E. Williamson, of Wilsonville, was in the city yesterday.  
Miss Anna Milner visited relatives at Shelby last week.  
Ed. Caldwell, of Vincent, was here Tuesday on business.  
Dr. E. B. Teague, of Fourmile, was in the city yesterday.  
Mrs. B. L. Moore visited relatives at Jemison last week.  
Sheriff Walthall spent Monday at Harpersville on business.  
Gordon DuBose made a business trip to Prattville yesterday.  
Have you a cold? A dose of Ballard's Borehound Syrup at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts; sold by Williams Bros.  
Judge Longshore will hold a special county court Friday.  
Charlie O'Neal, of Calera, was in the city Tuesday on business.  
Mrs. S. N. Burns left Tuesday for Easonville, her future home.  
J. R. Beavers spent several days at Vincent this week on business.  
If you know a bargain when you see it, Stark's is the place to get it.  
Walter Seals and Bob May, of Shelby, were in the city Monday.  
Miss Leila Parker, of Calera, visited relatives in the city Saturday.  
S. Stark has a new advertisement in this issue, don't fail to read it.  
Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine searches out all impurities in the system, and expels them harmlessly by the natural channels.  
B. W. Brand and daughter, Miss Clide, spent Sunday with Yellow Leaf friends.  
H. A. Seale, a popular conductor on the Southern Railway, was in the city Sunday.  
It seems that last week was a good week for moving, only seven families changing around.  
H. W. Nelson has rented the Beavers residence on depot street and moved there last week.  
Miss Pearl Norris went down to Aldrich yesterday to be present at the Hoskins-Greek nuptials to night.  
Add water and sugar to Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic and subtract the color from your Baby. Very pleasant, perfectly harmless and absolutely reliable. Costs 50c.  
J. T. Blackerby was the lucky one, he held the ticket that won the clock at the Columbiana Mercantile Co.  
Claude Nelson, who has been away from home for some time, returned Monday, and says "there is no place like home."  
Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine has since 1840 steadily risen in public favor, and the demand for it far exceeds that of any other Liver Medicine.

## HONOR ROLL

Of Columbiana Public School, Month Ending December 8.

First Grade—Bessie Barnett, Bessie Trent, Loyd Mason, Willie Longshore, Florence Holcomb.  
Second Grade—Johnie Barnett, Mary McMillan, Elena Elliott, John Nelson, Howard Trent.  
Third Grade—Purnia Hallmark, Edith DuBose, Luther Saxon.  
Fourth Grade—Hixie Albright, Bertie Pearson, Lois Mason, Olive May Nelson, Dinnie Mae Rowe, Frank Mason, Arnie Saxon, Mildred White, Erma Elliott.  
Fifth Grade—Annie Longshore, Mamie Millstead, Ina Sinnott, Edna Hallmark, Ludie Page, Sam Stinson, Taylor Finley, Rufus O'Hara.  
Sixth Grade—Margaret Browne, Zemma Pitts, Clara Pitts, Mary Peters, Onzell Verchot, Lilian Nelson, Ethel Millstead, Amma Strickland, Josie Stinson, Noland Barnett, Chester Browne, Pam Pitts, A. P. Longshore, Jr., Walton Pitts, Arthur Armstrong.  
Seventh Grade—George Bird, Will Albright, Jim Robertson, William Walton, Cora Morgan, Bessie Robertson, Alabama Milner, Lizzie Sinnott, Pauline Nelson, Annie Finley.  
Eighth Grade—Oza Hammond, Lallage Longshore, Allie Nelson, Carrie L. Rowe, Pierce Mason, Julius Nelson.

F. MYNATT, Principal.

## Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Alken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing, you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cts. Sold by Hall Drug Co., Druggist.

Rev. T. P. Roderts filled his appointment at the Methodist church Sunday morning, and Rev. W. I. Sinnott preaching Sunday evening.

Tuesday was prisoner day, there being six put in jail; one of them was released on bond. This leaves eight prisoners in jail, one white and seven colored.

In biliousness, Herbine, by expelling from the body the excess of bile and acids, improves the assimilative processes, purifies the blood, and tones up and strengthens the entire system. Price 50 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Dr. E. C. Parker of Shelby to Miss Ida Lee Howell of New Orleans. The wedding is to place December 28th.

We will give a year's subscription to the first one that brings us a turkey for Christmas. Don't all speak at once, but just bring them in, we need all we can get.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruises, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

Monday was the day set to hear the petition for a stock law for beat 10. A few representatives of the beat were here, there being no opposition, the law was granted.

Dr. J. H. Williams, who is having his dwelling repaired, sustained considerable damage to his furniture by the heavy rains Sunday night and Monday, owing to the old roof being torn off, preparatory to putting on a new one.

The disposition of children largely depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish, and perhaps seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

In another column will be found the honor roll of the Public School. It will be seen that 61 are on the roll for this month, which speaks very highly for both pupils and teachers, and shows that much good substantial work is being done at this session of our school.

STRAYED.—One mare mule, red rone, about 14 hands high, weight about 850 pound, brand of sweatgun leaf on one jaw. Information of whereabouts, or return, rewarded.

D. M. SPEARMAN, Redlawn, Ala.

The "biggest little thing" and one of the most useful you can offer a friend as a Christmas present is a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic. A clean, pleasant remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, nail punctures, sore throat, inflamed eyes, stings of insects, "poisoned oak," etc. Used internally, it gives quick relief in cases of colic and derangement of stomach or bowels. Free from opiates and positively harmless. Sold by Hall Drug Co.

## Redlawn.

Mrs. Finley is on the sick list this week.

Rev. Horton failed to fill his appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

The singing given by Miss Cora Roper Sunday was quite a success.

We wonder if the boys have found the way to the depot. How about it J. N?

J. W. Spearman of the Wilder high school, spent Sunday with homefolk.

W. N. Miner made a business trip to Shelby Saturday.

How about the school Sunday night, boys? We will soon have some graduates if things go on.

H. T. Taylor, of near Wilsonville, spent Sunday afternoon here.

E. B. Lyons spent Sunday at Lewis with friends.

Charlie Stamps returned one day last week from Anniston, much to the delight of his best.

Ha! ha! how about the little lights?

W. S. Taylor spent Sunday with homefolk.

Misses Louella Lyon and Eva Farr spent two days in your town last week undergoing an examination.

What about getting a shoeshine Sunday, C. W?

Arthur Crowson left Wednesday for Chattanooga, Tenn.

Blumer Miner, of Welden, spent Sunday with homefolk.

What about wearing the number on the top of your shoe Henry?

J. C. Lyon attended church at Bethel Sunday.

J. R. Finley spent several days in the Kingdom last week with his father, who is quite sick.

W. A. Lyon, of Beeswax, was in our community Monday.

George Powell and his sister, Mrs. Emma Taylor, left Tuesday for Anniston, where they will remain in the future.

BET.

## Bargains.

Mrs. L. C. Armstrong has a line of Ladies furnishing goods, which she is selling at a bargain. Also Kid Gloves, Wool Gloves, Ribbons, Silks, Velvets at close prices.

"A thing of beauty, is a joy forever," so as the hats which come from this fashionable millinery store, which you can buy from 15 cents up to \$15.

## A Proliferous Blunder.

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hall Drug Co., Druggist.

## For Sale.

One new drop-head Singer sewing machine \$30, cash; also box top Singer for \$20 cash; also two houses and lots fronting square, Columbiana, Ala., \$250 each.

Apply to,

W. W. WALLS.

If your boy gets burned when he shoots his Christmas cracker, use "old reliable," Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic. It is clean and pleasant, cooling and soothing to the burn, relieves suffering and heals almost like magic. Only 50c. a bottle, by Hall Drug Co.

Up to the time she is old enough for any man to want to, every girl has an idea that she will make a man propose three or four times before she finally accepts him.

Fortify yourself against the casualties consequent upon "Merry Christmas." Equal to an insurance policy is a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic against gun-shot wounds, powder burns, cuts, bruises, sprains, etc., and costs only 50c. at druggists.

Most girls are brought up to believe that all men are dangerous unless they have got handcuffs and goat-hobbies on.

In sluggish liver, Herbine, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tracts, renders the bile more fluid, and brings the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arise from disorders of the liver. Price 50 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

Somehow a woman will never believe that a man may not always tell the truth when he talks in his sleep.

Dr. A. J. Massey, dentist, the Painless Tooth Extractor and well Fitted Plates a Specialty, invites all persons wishing dentistry, to call at his Dental Parlors while in Birmingham, 21st street, 2nd ave. Correspond with him. Will practice in Jefferson and adjoining counties, or send a competent man to your homes at reasonable prices. Will visit Columbiana often.

# THE CHANCE OF YOUR LIFE!

## LOTS OF GOODS AT AND BELOW COST.

### This Is No Catch-Penny Scheme to Attract Trade, But It Is a Solid Fact.

## Now to Convince You:

to offer them so cheap—AT AND BELOW COST mind you—that you will move them to your homes and save me the trouble and expenses. I said I would prefer to pursue this course, and I am ready to stand square to my word and sell

It is my intention to leave Shelby about the 1st of March, and I don't want to pay freight on a dollar's worth of goods to move them. I prefer

## EVERYTHING AT COST.

Now if you really know a BARGAIN when you see it, call and see for YOURSELF. It won't put you to much trouble. You will find my PRICES LOWER BY HALF than most stores; yes, in many cases, even lower than half. What more do you want?

### SHALL I THROW IN A CHRAMO, TOO?

Come quick and get a slice of the pudding before your neighbor gets the lion's share. I mean business--THE GOODS MUST GO.

# S. STARK,

Shelby, Ala.

## Saginaw.

Health good with a few exceptions.

Will Wells, who has been confined to his bed for some time, is still very sick.

The Methodist minister assigned to this circuit, preached his first sermon here Sunday.

Claude Nelson, who has been working at this place, returned to his home in Columbiana Saturday.

N. T. Foust, who has been stricken with paralysis about three weeks ago, is improving slowly.

A Sunday school Christmas tree will be given here. Also the Camp-branch Sunday school anticipates having one, so we are informed, some time during Christmas week.

Willis Ozley and family, and Olie Green and family, formerly of this community, have moved back from Arkansas.

SISSIE.

Every family should keep Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic use in case of accident. It is a clean, pleasant liquid, does not soil the person or clothing and is the greatest healing compound on the American market. Buy a 50c. bottle from Hall Drug Co., and keep it convenient.

Rev. J. L. Ferguson was in the city yesterday.

When a woman is said to have "made a man happy" it is meant that she has refused to marry him.

If troubled with Dizziness, Furred Tongue, Bitter Taste in Mouth, Bloating Feeling after eating, Constipation or Sick Headache, use Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine.

The more a baby laughs in the daytime the more it is generally going to holler all night.

**Planters CUBAN RELIEF** cures Colic, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sour Stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 Cents. For sale by Hall Drug Co.

The Lord finished up Adam Himself; He didn't leave it to Eve to make a man of him.

**Planters NUBIAN TEA** cures Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price, 25 cts. For sale by Hall Drug Co.

Half the time when a man kisses a girl he does it just to keep her from thinking.

There are few ailments so uncomfortable as piles, but they can easily be cured by using Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment. Relief follows its use, and any suffering from piles can not afford to neglect to give it a trial. Price, 50 cts. in bottles, tubes 75 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

## East Saginaw.

At present, rain is abundant.

W. G. Brown, Esq., made a business trip to Birmingham last week.

The Saginaw Lumber Co., is doing a good business, also the gin and shingle mill adds greatly to the appearance of this neck of the woods.

Mrs. Satterwhite, of near Calera, is a welcome guest of her son, B. H. Satterwhite of this place.

T. B. Dudley is occasionally found wandering in the direction of Fourmile. We would be glad to learn what the attraction is so captivating.

J. S. Farrell gave your city a call Saturday.

Our school, we are glad to say, is progressing nicely, and all seem well pleased.

Should our little town, Ransom, continue its growth in the future as it has within the last five months, how long before we could incorporate and call it a city?

The services at Mt. Calvary Saturday and Sunday were good, and all who had the opportunity to attend are anxiously awaiting another similar occasion.

T. B. Payne of this place is doing some carpenter work in Talladega.

J. M. Crenshaw, of near Lewis, was among his good friends here Friday and addressed the school on the importance of "education."

There is some talk of a Christmas tree at Mt. Calvary church on Monday night, Xmas day, and should our people feel disposed, we wish them success and all may be well.

CLAUD.

## That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by Hall Drug Co., Druggist.

Probably every woman thinks she is of a peculiar type of beauty.

Mrs. H. E. Allen, Wacoche, Ala., writes: Have taken Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine 12 years. I had a Bad Cough; thought I had consumption; could not do my housework. After using it a while I got well and strong and can do my work with perfect ease. I would not give one package of it for half-dozen Black Draught.

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The British military authorities, according to an official report on the subject, are convinced of the value of what is known as Calmette's serum for the bites of poisonous snakes, and have ordered the distribution of a supply to all military hospitals in India.

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## THE PIANO ON ARCHEY ROAD.

The Author of "Mr. Dooley" Writes His Agency as a Social Factor.

In the Ladies' Home Journal is published the first of the "Molly Donahue" sketches by the author of "Mr. Dooley." It tells of "Molly Donahue's" ambition to have a piano, for "on Archey Road a piano is the one sure and visible symbol of the achievement of social ambition. One may be 'very decent people' and not own a piano, but one cannot be 'fine people' unless one boasts of a dark mahogany box which takes more than half the little parlor, and is only opened Saturday mornings, when Miss O'Brien, the church organist, comes down to give Mary Ann a lesson in the 'Child of the Regiment,' or on state occasions when the said Mary Ann provokes the march from 'Norma' out of its weird interior. At other times it stands unopened, gloomy and forbidding under its purple pal, with its great legs neatly encased in puffed-up cambric pantaloons. It is not regarded as a medium for the expression of music so much as a landmark of progress toward wealth and culture."

The Murphys have a piano like fire down the road, and the Murphys have "arrived." But when the "planny" comes out, when the rumors of lost jobs and illness culminate in the withdrawal of behemoth on the shoulders of swearing Germans, that is the day of tragedy. The Murphys are down! Hope goes out with the piano!"

"Mr. Dooley" happened in on the Donahues on Archey Road and immediately joined the family discussion as to whether Mr. Donahue should buy a piano for his daughter. "H'm," said Mr. Dooley. "I'm no musician, an' th' eight iv me enjoyment is fr to hear a German band, consistin' iv a pickle-oo an' a bass drum, playin' 'Listen to th' Mockin'-Bird.' But, as Mary here says, when it comes to decidin' questions iv eticket, I'm th' boy to do it again th' wurrd." Fr forty year I've laded out iv th' pint an' quart to th' fashionable society iv this ward, an' Dooley's eticket fr man an' baist is known fr'm wan end iv th' country to th' other. An' I say this to ye, Malachi, that it's not only th' proper an' rule thing to have a pianny, but seem' that Tim Clancy, th' assistant foreman on th' North Side, an' Mortimer Casey, th' assistant foreman at South Chicago, both has wan it. ain't anny sure thing that whin th' news gits out that ye're scrapin' long without wan ye won't lose yer job. Get a pianny, Malachi, an' thank Heaven they didn't ask fr a steam calloope."

### Bent Rifle with a History.

Among the many objects of interest in the collection of war trophies and curios from the Philippines that has recently been placed on exhibition in the Battle of Manila building on Washington avenue is a bent and shattered Remington rifle. This rifle is of interest because of the following story:

During the first battles of the American troops with the Filipinos around Manila a charge was ordered to drive the enemy from a strong position. The charge took the American troops over a rice field which the enemy had occupied at the beginning of the engagement, but from which they had been driven.

As the American forces charged across the piteous cries of a wounded Filipino for water excited the compassion of one of the boys, who hastened to give him a drink from his canteen. As he knelt down by the side of the injured latter drew a dagger and tried to stab him. Several of the American soldiers saw the attempt and hastening up, took the insurgent's gun from beside him and beat his brains out. This is the gun now on exhibition.

The weapon came into the possession of Douglas Young, editor of the Manila Freedom, and from him passed into the possession of the local exhibition. It is of the breech-loading pattern made in 1876 and long since discarded by the American army.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

### Thrill in the Granite City.

A good story is told by an English tourist who stayed for a week in apartments in Aberdeen, the "Granite City." "I had heard," he says, "of the canny folk of Aberdeen, and my experience short though it was, proved that rumor had rightly estimated the character of the people. The streets and the inns, the houses are granite, and when they have a granite baby they give it a ball of granite, for fear it should break any other toy."

"I had a granite landlady, and one day when I was going fishing her son volunteered to accompany me. I provided the lunch, the rods, and the lines; he provided the worms—dug them up in a neighbor's garden with a borrowed spade. I caught sixteen trout; he ate the lunch and broke my best rod. When we got home I made a present of fourteen of the fish to my granite landlady, and asked her to cook the other two for my tea. She did—and charged me threepence for the dripping in which they were fried!"—London Tit-Bits.

### A Delicate Girl.

A young man spent Sunday with his best girl over on Pipe Creek somewhere and noticed she did not eat much for dinner or supper. He asked her with a kind of smile if she was sick, and she replied by saying she seldom ate much at any time.

On Monday morning he met the girl's little brother going to school and asked him how his sister was. The little boy told him that "she was just awful sick, that mama told her that she had eaten too much pumpkin pie, cold cabbage and fat bacon last night after you went home." The young man asked if a doctor had been called. The boy said, "No, Sis is afraid to send for Dr. Apfin for fear he would find out what made her so sick and tell it to her friends."—Minneapolis (Kan.) Messenger.

### Extraordinary Wedding Vows.

An English rural clergyman says that in his parish it was quite the fashion for the man, when giving the ring in the marriage ceremony, to say to the woman: "With my body I thee wash up, and with all my hurdle goods I thee and thou." He said the women

were better up in this part of the service than the men. One day, however, a bride started him by promising, in what she supposed to be the language of the prayer book, to take her husband "to 'ave and 'old from this day forth for better horse, for richer power, in sinner's health, to love cherries and to bay." What meaning this extraordinary vow conveyed to the woman's own mind, the incumbent said, baffled him to conjecture.—Short Stories Magazine.

### This Rooster Wore a Scarfin.

The crack chicken story of the year comes from the kitchen of the Golden Eagle Hotel at Reading. It concerns an energetic young rooster that crowed and grew fat while carrying in its gizzard a stickpin nearly two inches in length, the sharp point of which had worked through the muscular second stomach of the fowl and protruded a quarter of an inch on the outside.

Josiah Barnes, the second cook at the Golden Eagle, was engaged in cleaning a lot of fowls preparatory to cooking them for the Sunday dinner. While handling a particularly fine fat young rooster, something pricked his hand. He made an investigation and found a sharp pointed instrument protruding through the gizzard. He cut open the organ and was surprised to find a stick pin therein. The pin was mounted on a diamond shaped piece of pearl on which was a gold letter W.

The young rooster had probably observed the piece of pearl, and believing it to be an extra fine pebble with which to digest its food, had made the mistake of its life in swallowing it.—Reading (Penn.) Searchlight.

### Why the Admiral Wept.

Thrice during the two days given to him Dewey wept. First, when he was presented with the flag that once floated over Farragut. Second, when, during the naval parade, he looked from the Olympia over the great assemblage of vessels crowded with cheering men and women. He then seemed to realize for the first time the profound character of the feeling which he had inspired. Several times he raised his handkerchief to his eyes, and men who had known him for the greater part of his career said they had never before seen him so moved. Third, when he suddenly came into view of 2,300 school children on the great stand in Seventy-second street. The children had grouped themselves in blue letters fifteen feet high, forming the word, "Dewey," on a white ground. Led by Frank Damsch, they joined in a mighty chorus as the procession passed. Dewey halted in front of the stand, and stood up, in hand, bowing his gratitude. For a few moments he stood thus, bareheaded, the tears trickling down his face.—Gilson Willets in Leslie's Weekly.

### Is the Klondike Growing Warmer?

Prospective visitors and gold seekers in the Klondike region may extract some comfort from the discovery, made by the Harriman Alaska expedition, that most of the glaciers which abound in that territory are receding. The fact is an indication that the average weather there is growing warmer. If it were growing colder the glaciers would be advancing; while if it were about the same one year with another they would maintain the same general position, neither creeping nearer to the sea nor melting away from their terminal moraines. The rate of glacial recession is so slow, however, that far overcasts and warm sleeping bags are likely to remain as a part of the necessary equipment of Alaskan travel for some years to come. Nothing, it may be added, is slower than the movement of a glacier except the settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute.—Leslie's Weekly.

### Distances Elevators Travel.

"Elevators are terrible sudden, but they save a power of climbing," exclaimed the good woman from the country as soon as she had recovered breath after her first ride in an elevator. The miles of "climbing" saved seem more impressive if one considers the distance traversed by the elevator cars in one day in a single building in New York City. The towering office building on Park Row has ten elevators, each shaft being 280 feet high. It takes a minute and a half on an average for the cars to go up or down, and they run all day, with brief intervals of waiting top and bottom. At this rate it is computed that the elevator cars cover nearly a hundred miles a day. The number of passengers carried on each trip would run the total number of miles of walking saved by the use of the elevators in one day into many times a hundred miles.

### It Took Time to Say "Whoa?"

"A funny story that I could not help laugh at was told by a traveling salesman at a local hotel," said the man-about-town. "It happened during his last visit to this city. He arrived at the Reading terminal and hailed a hansom. The driver, who seemed to be a good-natured chap, was tongue-tied and stammered badly. Of course that was no fault of his. The drummer told him that he wished to be driven to the Continental Hotel, and the driver answered, using his hands and emitting all sorts of noises: 'A-l-r-r-right, s-s-s-r-r.'"

"The gentleman stopped in and off they went. After driving some time the hansom came to a standstill, and the driver jumped from his seat and the visitor stepped out. Looking about he noticed that they had gone some distance beyond the hotel, and he remarked this to the driver. The driver nodded his head and answered: 'I-t-t-took m-m-me a-a-all this d-d-d-i-t-took t-t-to s-s-say w-w-h-o-a.'"

Philadelphia Call.

### Metal Furniture for Warship.

The cruiser Atlanta will be the first vessel of the navy to be equipped with the metal furniture designed for vessels of the navy. The innovation is the result of experiences in recent naval engagements, and is intended to shield the ship from fire on ship-boards during an engagement, by the removal of as much of the woodwork as possible. Considerable interest attaches to the result of this experiment on the Atlanta.—Washington Evening Star.

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The Paris police have given every aid possible to the founders of the Stereo Revue who are thus enabled to take pictures of things hitherto unphotographed, and their subscribers, without the trouble of reading, need only lift their eyes to become acquainted with what is going on in the world. An American edition has already been proposed.

### Large Iron Production.

The Manufacturer (Pittsburg) says that the production of pig iron this year in this country will realize the highest predictions that have been made. That periodical estimates the total at about 13,400,000 tons. The output in 1898 was 11,773,934 tons. The Iron Trade Review (Cleveland) which has been something of a bull, insists that, as the present consumption of pig is at the rate of 15,000,000 tons a year, and as the furnaces are able to keep only a margin of two and a half days' supply ahead of absolute exhaustion, the time for a weakening in prices is still distant.

### Testing Ocean Beds.

The British government keeps eleven vessels at work sounding and charting the ocean beds to find out where dangers lurk. Last year 10,000 square miles were carefully charted in different parts of the world—Asia, Africa and the South Pacific.

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Many of the towns of South Africa which are now figuring so prominently in the dispatches are named after persons who have had leading parts in the political and social life of the country. Durban, for instance, bears the name of Sir Benjamin Durban, who was Governor of Cape Colony in 1834. Grahamstown and Harrismith are named, respectively, after Colonels Graham and Sir Harry Smith. Caledon, Beaufort, Somerset and Oradock are named after former governors—the Earl of Caledon, Lord Charles Somerset and Sir John Oradock (Lord Howden). The towns of Ladysmith, Fort Elizabeth and Lady Grey are called after the wives of Cape governors. Pretoria is named in honor of the first President of the South African Republic—Marthinus Wessel Pretorius. The origin of Krugersdorp is evident, while Johannesburg also is named from Oom Paul, one of whose names is Johannes. The practice of naming towns in honor of distinguished men is followed by Boers even in time of war, as witness the renaming of Dundee Meyersdorp.

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The Way John Halton Brought Snow and Ice in Mid-summer Weather.

BY JOHN C. FLEMING.

DEAR old John Halton was an Australian squatter with a problem to solve. Its solution worried him exceedingly for some weeks, but, being fortunately for him a millionaire in the pound sterling sense of the word, he ultimately did to the satisfaction of his seven-year-old daughter, Alice, at least. And she, after all, was the principal party to be considered.

We have heard how, as the mountain refused to come to Mohammed, that old hump, pretending to have received a sudden inspiration, mounted his sacred camel and went to the mountain.

John Halton did better than Mohammed; he brought England to Ballarat and compelled Santa Claus to visit Alice at the shimmering anti-



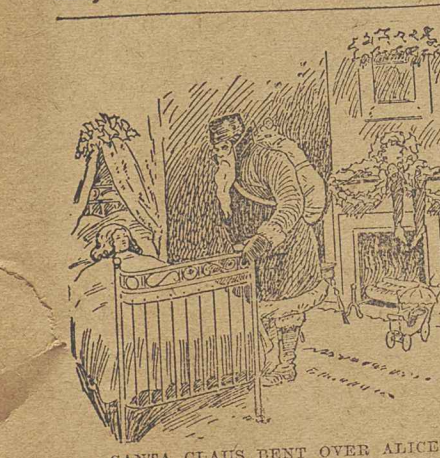
podes. He surrounded her for the one day of December 25, 1877, with mistletoe and holly and ivy; he showed her a flurry of genuine snow; he enabled her to slide on the ice, and in fine to do all manner of Christmas things, just as she had done in her native Devonshire the preceding Christmas of 1876. When it was remembered that Christmas in Ballarat is one of the midsummer days, and that the mercury in the thermometer stands at 100 in the shade, it will be admitted that the achievement is one worthy at all events of a brief sketch.

Alice was a beautiful, motherless child, with blue eyes and golden hair, a true descendant of the Celtic Cymri, and her father fairly adored her. One day, it was in October, the mail from England brought a number of colored prints to Craig-Devon, and amongst them a picture of Santa Claus by Kaubach.

"Oh papa!" cried Alice, "I'm so glad Christmas is coming. Grandpa told me I should see Santa Claus and his reindeer when I was old enough not to be scared, and I'm old enough now. Ain't I, papa?"

Henceforth Alice talked of little but Christmas and Santa Claus, not thinking and not knowing that the heat of a Ballarat December 25 would melt the poor old soul and his reindeer into five grease spots in half a day.

"Where is the use in possessing millions," John Halton asked himself one day, after such a short Christmas dialogue, "if they do not enable a fellow to introduce a small taste of winter into Ballarat when a fellow's baby wants it?"



SANTA CLAUS BENT OVER ALICE.

That same evening John Halton cabled Professor McCulloch, of Aberdeen College, to send him a cargo of evergreens from the north of Scotland,

so recently planted were white, tremendous canvas awnings covered the grounds immediately around the house, frozen rivulets were to be seen here and there, sparrows, chaffinches, linnets and from one clump of evergreens to another, and while Alice was admiring those sights, their results after breakfast, a coach rolled up to the front gate, which contained two little boys and three little girls.

The visitors assisted Alice in constructing her snow man, and though it was, to be sure, a little queer to be obliged to do it in a shed where a machine ground out coldness by the square yard, and where the sawdust was, somehow or other, mixed with the snow, still they got along famously, and at night Alice told her father with sparkling eyes that she had never spent a happier day.

## LIGHTING THE YULETIDE LOG.

Old English Custom That Has Not Entirely Disappeared.

A custom at one time prevalent in England, and still observed in some of the northern districts of the old country, is that of placing an immense log of wood—sometimes the root of a great tree—in the wide chimney place. This is often called the Yule log, and it was on Christmas Eve that it was put on the wide hearth. Around it would gather the entire family, and its entrance was the occasion of a great deal of ceremony. There was music and rejoicing, while the one authorized to light it was obliged to have clean hands.

It was always lighted with a brand left over from the log of the previous year, which had been carefully preserved for the purpose. A poet sings of it in this way:

With the last year's brand  
Light the new block and  
For good success in his spending  
On your pastimes play,  
That sweet luck may  
Come while the log is a-tending.

The Yule log was supposed to be a protection against evil spirits, and it was considered a bad omen if the fire went out before the evening was over. The family and guests used to seat themselves in front of the brightly burning fire, and many a story and merry jest went round the happy group.

## An Agreeable Surprise.

"Well, did your wife surprise you on Christmas?"  
"I should say she did. She didn't pay half as much for the present I got her as I was afraid she would."  
Cleveland Leader.

## Peculiarities of the Middle Ages.

During the middle ages—say from



the ninth to the sixteenth century—the first day of the new year marked the very zenith of the yuletide festival, which, by the way, extended from Christmas Eve until Twelfth Day, according to the decree of good King Alfred, who ordained "that for twelve days after the Saviour's nativity festival should be made."

## In Long Ago.

It, long ago,  
The Christmas bells had never rung  
Across the snow  
While Judah's shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
Had not that wondrous star burst on their sight,  
And led them unto where a young child lay,  
The world would be a dreary world this winter day.

It is that morn,  
On Bethlehem's plain, the Virgin's son  
Had not been born.  
How the bells ring!  
And how, in the far, frosty sky,  
The angels sing!  
What joy, what hope, what radiance divine  
Shines from that star, and shall forever shine!

The song is ringing over all the earth—  
To-day has seen a wondrous sight,  
The Saviour's birth!  
But ah! the woe  
If Christmas bells had never rung  
Across the snow!  
—Virginia M. Cornell.

## A Dilemma.

Jimmy—"You'd better be good or Santa Claus won't bring you anything for Christmas."  
Billy—"Yes; but if I'm good pa and ma'll begin givin' me medicine."  
—Judge.

## An Open Question.



"What Sunday-school do you attend, little boy?"  
"I don't know yet. You see, the Baptists jest give an orange offer the tree, the Methodists gives a box o' candy an' a toy, an' I'm-a-waitin' ter see what the 'Piscopals is givin' ter give." —Judge.

## THE TABLE ON CHRISTMAS DAY



## YE CHRISTMASSE PUDDING.

By MALCOLM DOUGLAS.

Ye Christmase Pudding, smokin' hotte,  
Oh, 'tis a goodlie sight!  
Eatie heartilie, an' ye may ryde  
A bonnie steede to-night—  
Ye steede bye folkes yecept Night-mare,  
That roams until ye lighte.



Holly, with its bright berries, should be everywhere.

## A Menu For Christmas.

BREAKFAST.  
Baked apples.  
Cream of wheat, sugar and cream.  
Scrapie. Potatoes hashed in cream.  
Popovers.  
Coffee.

## DINNER.

Little clams on half-shell.  
Brown-bread sandwiches.  
Amber soup.  
Celery.

Roast goose with chestnut stuffing.  
Chest gravy. Apple sauce.  
Steamed onions. German fried potatoes.  
Tomato (whole canned) salad.  
Crackers. Cheese.  
Salted peanuts.

Plum pudding. Orange sauce.  
Cherry sherbet. Lady fingers.  
Nuts. Raisins.  
Black coffee.

## LATE LUNCHEON.

Cold spiced tongue.  
White and brown bread.  
Frozen charlotte russe.  
Tea.

The Dinner—Get holly and mistletoe—enough mistletoe to make a big ball to hang from the chandelier, and as much holly as it is possible to buy. Instead of wreaths of holly for the center of the table make an X, slightly raised, and scatter sprigs of holly carelessly over the cloth. Put the salted peanuts on the table in fancy little dishes. Serve the clams, four or five to a person, on the half-shell, on a bed of pulverized ice, surrounded by shredded lettuce and with a quarter of lemon in the center. The brown bread should be cut very thin, buttered, folded together and cut into fancy shapes. The apple sauce should be warm and tart.

Cherry Sherbet—Select from among your canned fruit a can of cherries that has rather more juice than fruit. In canning a quantity of fruit there will always be one or two such cans. Strain and press all the juice out of the cherries. As fruit is usually sweetened when canned one will have to use judgment about adding sugar. Put in a freezer and when beginning to freeze stir in the beaten whites of two eggs.

Plum Pudding—Mix together one-half pint each of the following ingredients: Sugar, chopped suet, stoned raisins, washed and dried currants, bread crumbs, two tablespoonsful of sweet milk, one-fourth teaspoonful of soda, one-half teaspoonful of cream of tartar (baking powder can be substituted), and two beaten eggs. The mixture in a bag that has been wrung out of warm water and floured. Steam two hours and a half. This is better made a week before Christmas and re-steamed.



FINIS.

## STATE NEWS GLEANINGS

Interesting Topics Gathered From All Parts of Alabama.

## A MERCHANT MURDERED FOR HIS MONEY

Senator Pettus Wants Consolidation of Judicial Districts—Populist Organization Will Remain Intact. Perry County's Primary.

P. P. Clarkson, a prominent merchant of Green Pond, a small town in Bibb county, was murdered Friday night by unknown parties. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive of the crime. Clarkson occupied a room in the rear of his store, which is located some distance from the town where his family resides. When his little son went to the store at six o'clock he found his father lying in a pool of blood, with a terrible wound over his right eye, and his throat cut from ear to ear. Clarkson was about 60 years of age, and was a prominent Mason.

Pettus Wants Consolidation. Senator Pettus, of Alabama, has introduced a bill in the senate to consolidate the middle and southern judicial districts of his state. In effect, it abolishes Judge Bruce's court and covers his territory from the southern district, as the following from the bill would indicate:

"On and after the 1st day of August, 1900, the present judge of the district court of the United States for the southern district of Alabama and his successors, shall be judge of the district courts in and for the southern and middle districts of Alabama."

Populists Will Remain Intact. The state executive committee of the populist party, which has been in session in Birmingham the past week, decided before adjournment to put out a full state ticket in opposition to that of the democracy, and to preserve the populist organization intact. A resolution to this effect was adopted unanimously.

A convention will be held in Montgomery on the second Thursday in May, 1900, for the purpose of nominating the full state ticket. Candidates will be put out for every office from governor down, and the populists of the state will be urged to rally around the standard.

A committee of nine, with Frank Baltzell, of Montgomery, as chairman, was appointed to prepare an address to the people on the issues of the campaign.

Elyton Company Reorganized. The Elyton company was reorganized Saturday under the name of the Birmingham Realty Company, the capital stock of which has been fixed at \$2,000,000. Articles of incorporation for the last named company were filed with the probate judge Friday, John M. Caldwell, A. L. Fulerwilder and Isaac C. Beatty being named as the incorporators. The formation of the Birmingham Realty Company will mark the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the pioneer land company of Birmingham and the city's greatest developer in her earlier days.

Perry County's Nominations. Official returns from the primaries in Perry county show: Sheriff, H. V. Whitman; treasurer, W. W. Crawford; tax assessor, S. F. Phillips; tax collector, W. H. England; commissioners, W. H. Smith and W. E. Ivey; justices, Martin beat, Thomas Curry and C. C. Johnston. The nominations were in compliance with the action of the state executive committee.

Auditor's Report of Jefferson County. The first annual report of County Auditor A. J. Camp for the fiscal year ending September 30, last, shows the total receipts from all sources were \$236,027.39; total expenditures \$224,893. The bonded debt of the county is shown to be \$624,900, with an annual interest charge of \$96,994.09. The report recommends that all county officials, after their present term of office has expired, be put on salaries and that the excess over payment of salaries be devoted to a sinking fund.

Rockefeller Helps Tuskegee Institute. Booker T. Washington has received a letter from John D. Rockefeller, who offers \$10,000 to the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, at Tuskegee. Half of this amount is to be used in meeting last year's deficit caused by the erection of buildings and other improvements. The remaining \$5,000 is to be used toward the present year's current expenses.

## PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN ALABAMA.

Johnston Carries Jackson and Macon Counties.

The returns from twenty-three boxes in Jackson county give Johnston a majority of 322 over Morgan for United States senator. For governor Stallings has a majority over Tomlinson of 81. Five boxes are to be heard from. Gayle is elected treasurer, Phillips county superintendent of education, Moody and Bullman representatives, Bostick state senator, Austin sheriff.

Morgan County. A full vote was polled at the democratic primary election in Morgan county Saturday. Ten precincts have been heard from, aggregating three-fifths of the entire vote of the entire vote of the county. The ticket so far is Troup and Walden for the legislature; J. H. Wiggins, for sheriff; A. W. Sharpley, tax assessor; W. H. Drinkard, tax collector; A. A. Oden, treasurer; E. L. Hayes, superintendent of education; Lovelady and Raliff, commissioners.

The boxes yet to hear from are expected to increase the majorities for the above ticket. The vote will be close between Troup and Walden, the non-committal candidates, and Russell and Harris, the Morgan candidates, for the legislature.

This is not a test vote for United States senator. They will be voted for direct in a primary on the 14th of April.

Macon for Johnston. The most hotly contested primary perhaps that was ever held in Macon county closed Saturday afternoon with the nomination of Captain John Breedlove, the Johnston candidate for the legislature.

The Morgan candidate, Judge W. H. Hurt, one of the most popular men in the county, was strongly supported. The race for representative overshadowed the other candidates. John T. Connor was nominated for sheriff; W. H. Smith, tax assessor; A. H. Rutherford, county superintendent of education.

Convict Bill Will Hurt Alabama. A bill has been introduced in the national congress by a member of the Georgia delegation, which, if it becomes a law, will probably work a very great hardship on Alabama. It is the bill which provides that the products of convict labor in one state shall not be shipped to another state for sale. Advances from Washington are to the effect that the bill is sure to pass the house, but nothing is known as to its course in the senate. The measure is being backed by the labor organizations and is a continuance of the fight of independent labor against convict competition.

Since Alabama employs all of her convicts in the manufacture of goods which are sold in every state in the union, the bill would have the effect of entirely changing the convict system of the state and would probably cost the state an immense amount of money.

Revival of Trade on the Tennessee. The opening of the Tennessee River to navigation, the result of the recent heavy rains in the section, means a general revival of business for the river points from around Florence to St. Louis. Johnson, Paulk & Co., have on the wharf at Florence 30,000 cross ties, which have been bought during the last three months, while river traffic has been suspended, and they will be shipped to St. Louis as fast as possible. The river bank is lined with ties from Florence to Riverton waiting to be moved, and the steamboats have all they can do within the next few months getting cross ties, cotton and cotton seed, stave bolts and all kinds of lumber to market.

New Bank at Prattville. There was organized Saturday at Prattville a state bank with a capital stock of \$50,000. Nearly or quite all of it is the money of home people. It was organized under the name of the Autauga Trust and Banking company. It is understood that it will do a trust business also.

Smallpox at Alabama City. Alabama City, Etowah county, has fifteen well developed cases of smallpox. The mayor and council met and dismissed the school. The doctors have the situation well in hand.

Mine Inspector's Report. State Mine Inspector J. B. Hooper estimates that Alabama's coal output for the year 1899 will be 7,500,000 tons. He says that the increase in production during the last three months has been something enormous and that the year's total will be a record. During last year there were something like forty-five fatal accidents in the mines of the state. This year there will hardly be over thirty-five.

## A FATAL EXPLOSION.

A Father and Three Children Instantly Killed.

A sad accident occurred Saturday near Alliance postoffice, Floyd county, Kentucky, resulting in the death of Nelson Hamilton and three of his children. Hamilton, who was preparing to do some blasting, was pouring out some powder from a keg when his 4-year-old son picked up a small amount and tossed it into the fire. The explosion threw embers into the pile of powder, and a terrific explosion followed. The father and little son and two older children, who were in the room, were shocked into insensibility. The ceiling was lifted from its place, the walls spread and the upper part of the house came down again and stopped about half way of the walls, thus fastening all the doors securely.

When the oldest daughter regained consciousness sufficiently to realize that the house was in flames she tried to open a door, but at once she saw the hopelessness of such an effort and began to scream for help. A neighbor arrived in time to burst in a door and get the tortured prisoners out, but they were so badly burned that all died within a few hours.

## WILL STOP BUSHWHACKING.

Bands of Insurgents Will Be Dealt with Summarily.

Isolated bands of bushwhacking insurgents who are caught by our forces in the Philippines are likely to be summarily dealt with, says a Washington dispatch. At a cabinet meeting Saturday the matter was discussed at some length and it was the general sentiment that the situation demanded vigorous treatment. As long as the insurgents keep up a show of an army under a semblance of discipline, they will be treated as prisoners of war when captured, but when they degenerate into isolated bands of marauders, harassing our forces by cold-blooded assassinations, it is the judgment of the officers in command in the Philippines and of the president and members of the cabinet that the situation demands a summary action.

## AUDITOR ARRESTED.

Officer of Atlanta & West Point Railroad Arrested in Africa.

Thomas J. Hunter, who was arrested Saturday in Tangier, was auditor of the Atlanta & West Point Railroad company. He is believed to be between \$20,000 and \$25,000 short in his accounts. His plan of operation was to call on the ticket agents along the line for money. This he had no right to do, but the money was forwarded to him and his receipt was given.

The exact amount of his defalcation will not be known until all stations have been checked up. Hunter left Atlanta late in October. He has been indicted by the grand jury and warrants are out for his arrest.

## TROOPS FROM CUBA.

Organizations to be Sent to the United States.

General Brooke has telegraphed the war department that he has arranged to send the following troops on that station to the United States. Troops A, B, C, D, Eighth cavalry, a total of 363 enlisted men, together with their officers, to Fort Riley, Kan., and Troops E, F, G and H, of the Tenth cavalry, numbering 400 enlisted men, with 300 horses, to Galveston for distribution along the Mexican frontier. It is expected that the Fifteenth infantry will leave Cuba about the 30th instant. That regiment will go to New York, and be distributed between Governors Island and Plattsburg.

## Philpot-Griffin Feud.

The Philpot-Griffin feud broke out afresh near Bengetown, in Clay county, Kentucky. Sam and James Philpot and others on one side, and Ed Rogers, Henry Hampton and others, on the other, engaged in a desperate pistol fight in the public road near Jason Bowling's house. Ed Rogers fell at the first volley by the Philpots. He was picked up dead an hour later with a half dozen bullet holes through the body. One of the Philpot faction was seriously wounded.

## Family Burned.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reynolds, consisting of three small children, aged 6, 3 and 1 years, respectively, were burned to death at Nicholasville, Ky. They had been locked in the house while Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds were on a visit to a neighbor. The parents of the victims returned in time to see the house collapse.



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## County Directory.

State Senator—G. B. Deans.  
Representative—W. H. Sturdivant.

### Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge—John Pelham.  
Circuit Solicitor—T. W. Coleman.  
Circuit Clerk—John P. Pearson.  
Sheriff—J. L. Walthall.  
Terms of Court—Eighth Monday after the fourth Monday in January and July, continuing three weeks.

### Chancery Court.

Chancellor—R. B. Kelly.  
Register in Chancery—J. R. White.  
Terms of Court—First Thursdays after second Mondays in March and September.

### County Court.

County Judge—A. P. Longshore.  
County Clerk—John P. Pearson.  
County Solicitor—W. R. Oliver.  
Terms of Court—Fourth Mondays in February, May, August and November.

### Probate Court—Second Monday in each month.

### County Officers.

Probate Judge—A. P. Longshore.  
Clerk—John P. Pearson.  
Sheriff—J. L. Walthall.  
Treasurer—W. A. Tallant.  
Supt. of Education—E. Williams.  
Tax Collector—J. H. Robertson.  
Tax Assessor—John S. Pitts.  
County Surveyor—F. M. McEwen and A. P. R. Dahl.

### Commissioners Court.

First District—John E. Dykes.  
Fourth District—John T. Glaze.  
Second District—Pleasant Shaw.  
Third District—R. J. Griffin.  
Terms of Court—First Mondays in January, April, July and October. Special terms—Second Mondays in May and July, and first Monday in June.

### Justice of the Peace.

Beat 1—B. L. Moore, Columbiana; terms of court every Thursday.  
Beat 2—W. E. Seale, Shelby; terms of court every Wednesday.

The year 1900 will soon be here with all of its great responsibilities.

The recent meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Populist party in Birmingham, showed conclusively that the party is not dead nor dying.

The state convention of the People's party is called to meet in Birmingham on the second Thursday in May 1900, and from present indications it will be the largest meeting the Populist have ever had in the state.

The Populist State Executive Committee met in Birmingham last week and called a state convention to meet in Birmingham on the 2nd Thursday in May 1900 to nominate a state ticket. The meeting was harmonious, and the outlook for Populism seems to grow brighter each day. The democratic party is worse divided than it ever was in its history and if the Populist will stand to their guns all will be well.

Editor Percy Clark of the Selma Telegram was on Saturday morning mistaken for Senator Morgan at Fackler, Jackson county, which beat he was enabled to carry for the senator. Governor Johnston spoke at Fackler on Friday, and made a good impression. The next morning Mr. Clark addressed the citizens in behalf of Morgan. In the course of his remarks he referred to the senator's age, saying in effect, that it was idle and unjust to contend against the senator on account of his age, that Senator Morgan had grown old in noble and unequalled service to the state and the nation, and assuredly the people would not rebuke him for serving them so well. After Mr. Clark had finished his speech, he mingled with the crowd and had a happy time. One man approached him and said: "Mr. Morgan, I heard Mr. Johnston's speech; but since I heard you I am going straight to the polls and vote for you." Another man came up and made a similar speech, and yet a third; and then the eloquent young Selman realized that he had been mistaken for the venerable and venerable and venerated Senator Morgan.—Age Herald.

From the above it seems that the Morgan men in Jackson County are blind. We have contended all along that the Democrats were blind or they would have quit the party long ago, and now the Age Herald comes forward with a statement that proves that so far as the Morgan men of Jackson are concerned one contention is true, they certainly are to be pitied, and deserve the sympathy of all good men in their profound ignorance and blindness. Gov. Johnston and Mr. Howard ought to go back to Jackson and endeavor to enlighten the Morgan men.

## Populists Do Their Duty.

"The Peoples party, if it show itself to be all that which the Republican and Democratic parties are not, show itself to be friend of the people, uprooted of wrong, enemy of plutocracy and special privileges, defender of equal opportunities and democratic rule, and finally show itself to be united and earnest as to give promise of leading with success, promise that votes of earnest men given to it will not be worse than thrown away, can gain this support, can defeat the Republican party in 1900, can banish plutocracy and restore democratic rule, banish corruption and restore honesty in our government. But if the Peoples party cannot show this unity, cannot be and cannot show that it is at peace with itself, then it cannot win this support, for men ready to break away from the old parties because tired of plutocratic rule will feel that it would be useless to give such party their votes, that a party unable to organize its own forces, unable to keep peace in its own ranks, unable to unite on common aims and fight on common and therefore effective lines can never lead with success, that to put dependence in it to overthrow plutocratic rule would be folly, that to stake one's fortunes to it would be to invite disaster. And men feeling thus will either stay with the old parties that it may cost them much, socially and materially, to leave, and which it cost in social ostracism or loss of position or business or credit they will not invite unless they see the promise of gain, the promise of ridding their country of plutocratic rule in doing so, or they will leave the old parties not to join the Peoples party but to build up a new.

"But all these men the Peoples party can attract to itself by showing that it has faith in itself and showing that it is worthy of the trust of others, that it can be depended upon to stand firm by its principles, organize its forces effectively and fight uncompromisingly for the rights of man, for the preservation of democratic government. And all this Populists can readily show. They have but to keep clear of all thought of fusion, spurn all suggestion that they cast to one side principle for office, and thus show they have firm faith in their principles, that they are upright and honest in their declarations, that they are worthy of the trust of others; they have but to organize in precinct slubs under the Cincinnati plan and thereby show an effective organization, show by recognition of the right of the people to rule within the party that they are in earnest in fighting for the preservation of a government of, by and for the people, show by the thoroughness of such organization that they will make the most of their forces, as effective a fight as it is possible to make and a fight that cannot fail to win if those in the old parties, alienated by the corruption of party machines and impatient to rid the country of plutocratic rule, rule by the few and for the few, will come to their support."—American.

This will be the last issue of The Advocate for 1899, and we wish our many patrons a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We shall endeavor to do more for the cause of Populism next year than ever before, and we hope that we will be sustained in our efforts by the Populist of the county. We are anxious to extend our circulation, and hope to send The Advocate next year to every Populist in the county. The cause of Populism is moving forward, let every true Populist put his shoulder to the wheel.

Whenever or wherever one or two men undertake to drive a party into the promise land they usually succeed in leading it to the devil or into the deep blue sea.

Every day and hour, the principles of the People's party become more firmly fixed in the minds of the people.

### A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Grotton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman. Trial bottles free at Hall Drug Co's. store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

## For the Destitute.

Every one in Birmingham with a particle of humanity in his or her breast should be ashamed of the almost savage treatment accorded to the sick of this community. A stranger—a respectable man—was permitted to die last Sunday night in the county jail, because there was no public hospital or place to which he could be taken and cared for.

John Leffen, a rolling mill puddler, came to Birmingham last Sunday to go to work in a rolling mill. He arrived in the city ill. Pneumonia had developed. After almost staggering about the city to find a hospital or bed in some place where he could be taken care of, in his desperation he applied to the city jail—anywhere to get a shelter. The officers, failing to find an opening in any hospital, were compelled to send him to the county jail, and there, after nine hours of suffering, he breathed his last. He was apparently a stout young man of not exceeding thirty years of age. Where are the humane, generous people of Birmingham? A few good women are working as best they can, with but little support, to establish the Hillman hospital. It is in existence now, but they have but few beds and these are always filled. There was no opening there when this unfortunate young man was found last Sunday. It is the same way with St. Vincent's hospital. The good sisters have but a temporary hospital, and it is always overcrowded. By outside aid they are building a hospital on the South Highlands. It is not one-fourth as large as it should be.

Birmingham is growing to be a great city. In a great city there must be sickness and much of it. The poor in their sickness should be taken care of. They should not be permitted to die like animals in a public jail, where there cannot possibly be any comforts for the sick. It is a disgrace to the city—a disgrace to every citizen. Men subscribe to funds for public enterprises. Several thousand dollars were spent a few weeks ago to entertain Admiral Schley.

A thousand dollars was raised in two hours last week to bring Theodore Thomas' orchestra to Birmingham. Thousands of dollars have been subscribed to buy sites and present them to manufacturing concerns to bring plants here. Subscriptions go forth readily to fairs and Mardi Gras celebrations and for all sorts and kinds of festivities, and yet when a few good Christian women go forth upon the streets of Birmingham, among the business men and into the stores to raise money to build a charity hospital—to take care of the indigent sick and the ill stranger within our gates and the sick and starving children—they are practically driven off with a silver dollar or two in the form of subscriptions. It is a sad commentary upon the people of Birmingham.

But criticism of our past does no good. Let us look to the future. Let us begin this very day and raise a fund right at home among our own people, who are amply able to give. Let us take subscriptions from ten cents to ten thousand dollars. Let every man, woman and child in Birmingham give what they can afford to give. Let us join with the struggling good women of the Hillman hospital and aid them to build a great hospital on the site which they have already acquired, almost in the center of the city. Let us make it large enough to take care of a great portion of the sick who are unable to provide medicine and attendance for themselves. Let us also aid the Sisters of Charity to build another wing to the hospital which they now have under construction.

Let us start this very morning to raise a fund to enlarge and equip the Hillman hospital, which is already under way, but for which there is almost a total lack of funds.

Birmingham should raise fifty thousand dollars, or at least a half of it, between now and Christmas and present it as a Christmas gift to the few good women who have been struggling almost unaided for several years past to build a refuge for the destitute sick.

Let every one who will give send his or her name and the amount to The Age-Herald. The names and the amounts subscribed will be printed daily and the fund will be promptly turned over to the ladies in charge of the good work.

E. W. B.

## Again After Mr. Bryan.

New York, Dec. 14.—J. J. Willett of Alabama, who began last summer the movement to nominate Judge Augustus Van Wyck for President, is in New York again. During his stay a conference will be held of the anti-Bryan forces in New York for the purpose of consolidating the opposition to the Nebraskan and furthering the interests of Judge Van Wyck.

"I am more than ever convinced," he said this morning, that Mr. Bryan cannot be elected. It is foolish for the party to nominate him, and yet in the face of a certain defeat and acknowledgement that he will be beaten certain leaders in the South are still supporting him.

"When I asked for a reason they say that the farmers and their constituents as a whole do not realize that Bryan is a dead issue. The soles have not yet fallen from their eyes, and for these leaders to take a stand against Bryan would mean their political downfall. They have local offices to fill, and to do this I must adhere to Bryan, yet, as I have said, there is scarcely one with whom I have talked who does not know that to nominate Bryan will mean certain defeat.

"It is time for the Democratic party to think, and some of its most prominent members are thinking. When you see such a man as Joe Sibley renounce silver it means a great deal. He was the backbone of the '96 campaign and the action of the Brooklyn congress is also most significant, and when I saw that two Tammany representatives had joined them I realized what scope this movement might take. The Democratic party should be brave enough to cast off the yoke of Bryanism."

**PHOSPHORUS TEA** cures Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price, 25 cts. For sale by Hall Drug Co.

If you know a bargain when you see it, Stark's is the place to get it.

Leaving Washington every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:45 P. M., via Southern Railway, New Tourist Sleepers, personally conducted, go through to San Francisco without change of cars, conductors or porters. The route is through Atlanta, Montgomery, New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California. The cars are the very latest pattern of Pullman Tourist Sleepers, birchwood finish, high back seats, sixteen sections, supplied with linen, etc., same as standard sleepers, lighted with Pintsch gas, wide vestibule, boudoir sash, roller curtains, lavatory and smoking room for gentlemen and two retiring rooms for ladies. Three and one half days to Mexico and Arizona, four days to Los Angeles and five days to San Francisco. The Tourist Car fare is less than via any other route, saving from \$25.00 to \$30.00 for the trip.

For information apply to any Agent of the Southern Railway, or A. J. Poston, General Agent 511 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.

## WOMANS TRIALS.



Many women suffer great pain from irregular periods and believe it natural. Others realize the danger but hesitate to seek treatment on account of humiliating local examinations. Nature intended the "monthly periods" to be painless and regular. Unusual pain and sickness indicate serious derangements which should have prompt attention, or they rapidly grow worse. Local examinations are not necessary since the discovery of

**PLANTERS FEMALE REGULATOR**

It cures all Female Diseases by properly strengthening and regulating the organs. This stops all the pain. This remedy is a vegetable compound, and is the result of years of experience. It is carefully prepared in our own laboratories by skilled chemists and is endorsed by leading physicians.

Sold by all druggists or sent post paid for \$1. A box of "Monthly" Regulating Pills with each bottle.

Mrs. A. L. FORD, Wesson, Miss., writes: "By using two bottles of Planters Female Regulator, I have been cured of Nervous Debility brought about by the birth of my last child."

For sale by Hall Drug Co.

# WORMS!

For 20 Years Has Led all Worm Remedies.

Prepared by **JAMES F. BALLARD, St. Louis.**

## WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE!

Best in Quality, Best in Price.

EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.

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Sent us by Express, Post Office Order or New York Exchange, we will send you by Express, CHARGES PREPAID.

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We ship in PLAIN PACKAGES, no marks to indicate contents which will avoid all comments. When you get it and test it, if it is not satisfactory, return it at OUR EXPENSE and your \$3.20 will be cheerfully refunded. This Whiskey is as good as any \$5.00 goods in the market. We are close at hand and can give you QUICKER DELIVERY than distant houses. We have been doing business in this city and at the same stand for over 15 YEARS, and as to our RESPONSIBILITY AND REPUTATION for honest dealing, we refer you to any bank or merchant here or to the editor of this paper.

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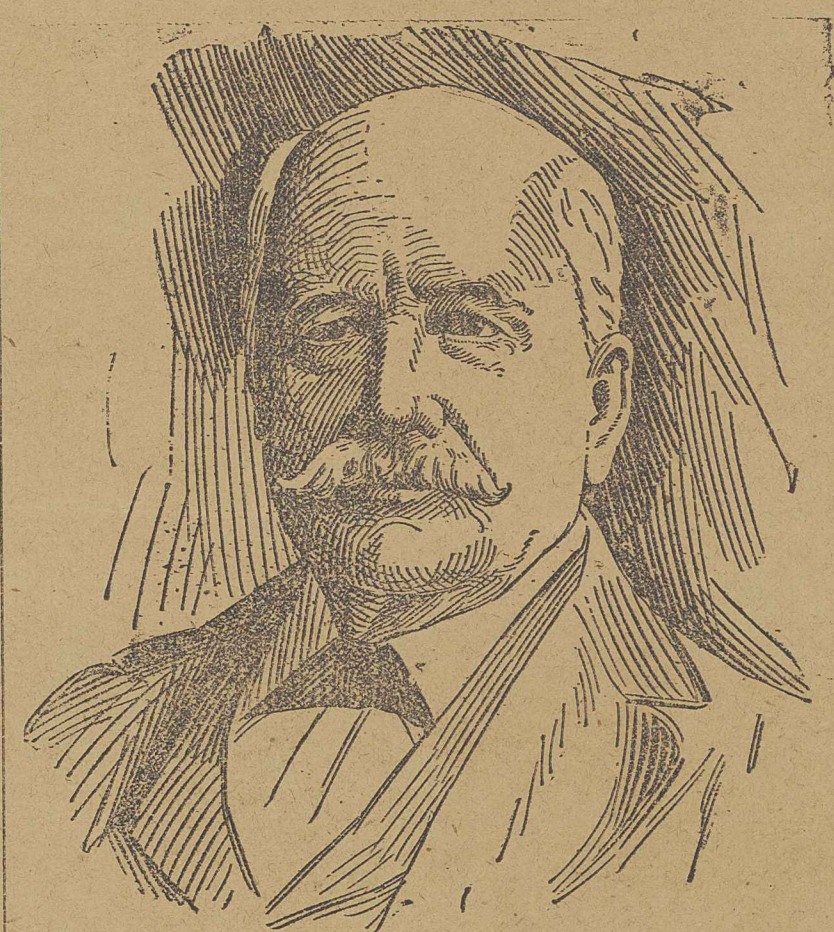
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**PARRY MFG. CO., Indianapolis, Ind.**



Hon. Thos. Williams, of Elmore county, Alabama, ex-member of congress, statesman, orator, writer and one of the best informed men on the subject of agricultural fertilizers. He is one of the largest cotton planters in the state, and produces his great crops upon poor sandy uplands by the skillful use of commercial fertilizers. He uses the ALABAMA FERTILIZER exclusively—after having tried nearly all other leading brands of complete fertilizers. His words, like rifle balls, are few, and go straight to the mark:

WE TUMPKA, ALA., September 9, 1899.  
DEAR SIR:—Speaking from experimental tests, in results I am assured the ALABAMA FERTILIZER put by you, is not excelled by any on our market, and I commend it to the public as a genuine fertilizer of good results. The bags treated by the VEGETABLE FIBRE PRESERVER used by the ALABAMA FERTILIZER CO., successfully resisted the action of the weather and the chemicals contained in the fertilizers, also preventing all loss from mousing. Yours truly, THOS. WILLIAMS.

### AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS.

Bulletin No. 12, issued by the Alabama Department of Agriculture, shows the actual commercial value of the ALABAMA FERTILIZERS to be 19.33 per cent more valuable than all the complete fertilizers or granules offered for sale in the State of Alabama for the season covered by said bulletin.

Bulletin No. 13, just issued by the Department of Agriculture, shows the actual analysis, from samples sent to the Department by dealers and consumers throughout the State, that the ALABAMA FERTILIZER is actually \$3.64 per ton or 24 per cent better than the guaranteed analysis by the ALABAMA FERTILIZER CO., and this answers the question so often asked, "why the ALABAMA FERTILIZER produces so much better crops than other fertilizers of equal guaranteed analysis?" The ALABAMA FERTILIZER will be shipped in the MUMMIA VEGETABLE FIBRE PRESERVED BAGS. There is no other preserved bag on the market of any value. The Commissioner of Agriculture recommends and endorses it in the following words:

"I therefore unhesitatingly say that I believe the bags treated by the MUMMIA VEGETABLE FIBRE PRESERVING PROCESS will resist the action of the weather and the chemicals contained in fertilizers; that the meshes of the bags are so filled by the process as to prevent all leakage, and that if generally used by manufacturers, would be of incalculable value to carriers, dealers and consumers." (Signed) "I. F. CULVER, Commissioner of Agriculture."

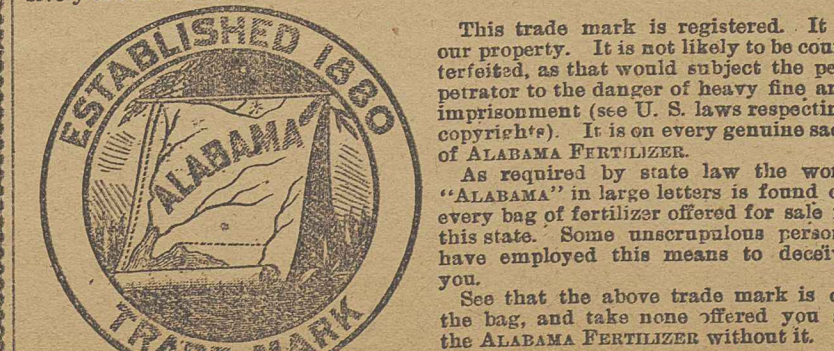
These MUMMIA PRESERVED BAGS are almost indestructible by the weather or Fertilizers. Can be hauled in the rain without material damage to bag or contents. Fertilizers put up in these bags can be hauled out to the farm at any time and kept ready for use.

The ALABAMA FERTILIZER is said, by over 12,000 farmers in this State, to be the best all round fertilizer for cotton and corn.

### ALABAMA FERTILIZER RECORD.

It has produced nearly four bales of cotton on one acre of poor sandy upland. One hundred and thirty-two bushels of corn on one acre of poor sandy upland. Two thousand and forty-one bushels of corn on twenty acres of poor upland. Land and corn accurately surveyed and measured by competent disinterested and honorable men.

It is the oldest brand now sold in Alabama, and is just the same as it always has been. Every one of the 48 premiums given during a series of years through the COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION for the greatest yield of cotton and corn on a specified area of land was awarded to farmers who used exclusively the ALABAMA FERTILIZER.



This trade mark is registered. It is our property. It is not likely to be counterfeited, as that would subject the perpetrator to the danger of heavy fine and imprisonment (see U. S. laws respecting copyrights). It is on every genuine sack of ALABAMA FERTILIZER. As required by state law the word "ALABAMA" in large letters is found on every bag of fertilizer offered for sale in this state. Some unscrupulous persons have employed this means to deceive you.

See that the above trade mark is on the bag, and take none offered you as the ALABAMA FERTILIZER without it.

## Free Silver.

We are pleased to announce to our readers that we have made arrangements to give Two Dollars for One Dollar and Fifteen cents for a few weeks or in other words we can furnish The Weekly Herald Free to new subscribers, also old subscribers who renew their subscription for one year at once.

The Weekly Age-Herald is a 12-page paper, strictly up to date in every detail. It contains all the general news of the day. It has a page for women, a page for children, a stock page, a farm and garden page, a full page of markets and financial news, two story pages, an editorial and political page, and a page devoted to school and church work. Remember you get both papers for \$1.15. This offer will run a few weeks only.

Subscriptions received at The Advocate office, strictly cash.

### Will Run Into Savannah.

It is announced that, commencing December 10, 1899, the Southern Railway Company will operate through train service over its own line via Columbia, Perry, Blackville and Allendale, S. C., into and out of Savannah, Ga.

Commencing that date its through car service will be operated in connection with the Plant System south of Savannah, Ga., and the Florida East Coast Railway, to and from points on the east coast of Florida, with direct connections to and from Key West, Fla., Havana, Cuba, and Nassau, N. Y., via Miami, Fla., in connection with the Florida East Coast Steamship Line; and in connection with the Plant System south of Savannah to and from other points in Florida, including points on the west coast, with direct connections to and from Key West and Havana, via Tampa, Fla., in connection with the Plant Steamship Line. Washington Post, Nov. 10, 1899.

## LOANS

I will undertake to negotiate loans in sums of \$500 to \$2000 on improved farm lands for three or five years. A number of farms in Shelby and St. Clair counties for sale or rent, on most favorable terms. Apply to J. L. WALTHALL, At Courthouse in Columbiana.

### NOTICE.

Estate of Elam Boothe, deceased. Probate Court. Letters of Administration de bonis non on the estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of September, 1899, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

R. J. GRIFFIN, Administrator de bonis non.

### Notice to Sell Land.

The State of Alabama, Shelby Co., Probate Court. This day came R. J. Griffin, administrator, de bonis non, of the Estate of Elam Boothe, deceased, and filed his application in said court for a sale of the lands described therein, belonging to the estate of said decedent, for the purpose of division and paying debts.

It is ordered that the 25th day of December, 1899, be appointed for the hearing of said application, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

Witness my hand, this 4th day of December, 1899.  
A. P. LONGSHORE, Judge of Probate.

### Notice No. 20932.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.** Land Office at Montgomery, Ala. December 5th, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on January 22, 1900, viz: Joel W. Wall, Homestead entry No. 2871, for the north east quarter of south east quarter of section 21, township 21, south of range 2 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Lynch, J. B. Davis, Jim Johnson, J. C. Davis, all of Lynch, Ala.

ROBERT B. BEAVER, Register.

### Notice No. 20933.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.** Land Office at Montgomery, Ala. December 4th, 1899.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Columbiana, Ala., on January 22, 1900, viz: John A. Jordan, Homestead entry No. 27934, for the north west quarter of south east quarter, section 4, township 21, south of range 4 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Nels Kimbell, Joe Kimbell, Tom Kimbell, Sid Nicholls, all of Garretts, Ala.

ROBERT B. BEAVER, Register.

J. R. BEAVERS. J. L. BEAVERS

### BEAVERS & PETERS ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.

Will practice in all the courts of the State, and in the United States District Courts. Homestead entries made and perfected. All claims placed in his hands will receive prompt attention. Money to lend in amounts from \$10.00 to \$100.00 on gilt-edge security.



# THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

## SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

This is our last issue until 1900. We wish you a merry Christmas. George Mason spent Tuesday in Anniston.

Jno. S. Pitts, of Vincent, was in town this week.

A. C. Leonard, of beat 3, was in town this week.

H. D. Adams, of beat 16, was in the city Monday.

I. C. Shradler, of beat 10, was in the city Thursday.

Hon. G. B. Deans, of Calera, was in town yesterday.

W. E. Seals, Esq., of Shelby, was in town last Friday.

W. M. Cooper, of beat 8, was in the city Wednesday.

Commissioners' court was in extra session this week.

Mrs. A. M. Elliott visited friends at Aldrich last week.

Rev. and Mrs. T. P. Roberts are visiting friends at Vincent.

Pleasant Shaw, of Aldrich, was here yesterday on business.

Hon. W. H. Sturdivant, of Bamford, was in town last Saturday.

Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine searches out all impurities in the system, and expels them harmlessly by the natural channels.

Miss Helen Oliver, of Calera, visited friends in the city Wednesday.

R. W. Poindester and P. N. Gilbert, of beat 8, were in town Tuesday.

G. A. Seals and son, Edward, of beat 2, were here yesterday on business.

J. M. Fancher, of Montevallo, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Have you a cold? A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

Mrs. E. P. Quigley, of Birmingham, visited friends in the city this week.

Miss Nellie Parker attended the Hoskins-Greek nuptials at Aldrich last Thursday.

J. W. Moore and family, who went out to Texas about a year ago, returned last Saturday.

Add water and sugar to Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic and extract the colic from your baby. Very pleasant, perfectly harmless and absolutely reliable. Costs 50c.

Rev. E. A. Burns filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

J. T. Leeper, Max Leffkovits and Phillip Erick spent Sunday with Dr. Smothers on Yellow Leaf.

There will be an oyster supper at the residence of Rev. W. I. Sinner next Thursday evening, December 28th.

Judge A. P. Longshore and J. P. Pearson, attended the State Executive Committee in Birmingham last Thursday.

In biliousness, Herbine, by expelling from the body the excess of bile and acids, improves the assimilative processes, purifies the blood, and tones up and strengthens the entire system. Price 50 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

The social given at the residence of Dr. W. S. DuBoise last Friday evening, was enjoyed by those who had the pleasure of attending.

J. S. Pearson and family, of Gary, have moved to this place and are occupying the S. B. Strickland residence on East College street.

On account of the editor being sick this week, the editorial and local pages are not as full as usual, but hereafter will have them full up with news.

There will be services at the M. E. church Sunday, conducted by Dr. Peterson, of the Girls Industrial School, Montevallo, Ala. All are cordially invited to attend.

E. L. Crumpton, of Fourmile, and H. B. Nabors, of beat 3, made the editor smile this week by bringing in two large turkeys for Christmas. Many thanks, gentlemen.

Every Christmas every old bachelor gets a lot of fussy things to stick on the wall from women that he would a lot rather would buy him a pair of woolen socks.

The disposition of children largely depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish, and perhaps seriously sick. White's Cream Vermifuge is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

## A Beautiful Wedding.

On the evening of Nov. 14th, at Aldrich, Ala., Mr. Joe Hoskins and Miss Ethel Greek were married. The attendants were Miss Pearl Norris, of Columbiana, Ala., and Mr. Clem Greek, Miss Bessie Hoskins and Mr. Ham DuBoise, Selma, Ala. Ushers, Mr. Ben Hoskins and Mr. Charlie Monroe.

The groom is a young man of noble traits and fine business qualifications, prominent in all that tends to make a true man. The bride is one of earth's fairest flowers, just budding into lovely womanhood; surely there can be nothing but happiness for this young couple, when each possess all the attributes that crown a pure and noble life. The ceremony was performed at the Hall, in an impressive and beautiful manner, by that great and good man, Dr. Peterson. The Hall was beautifully decorated. The Bride was lovely in sheer white Organdie with an accordion plaited skirt; Tunic drapery, beautifully applied with white satin ribbon, the bodice was a lovely creation of shirred Organdie and white satin, with pearl garuniture, a lovely veil draped on the long graceful train and magnificent bouquet of Marchionell roses, completed the beautiful toilet. The bride's maids wore white Organdie and carried Pink Carnations; the wedding march was played by Mrs. A. M. Elliott, Columbiana, Ala. After the ceremony, the Bridal party and friends were tendered an elegant reception at the home of the Brides parents. The presents were numerous and beautiful. The prayers and best wishes from a host of friends follow this young couple and ask for them a life full of love and tenderness, and success in all that tends to their happiness.

## Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by Hall Drug Co., Druggist.

## Bargains.

Mrs. L. C. Armstrong has a line of Ladies' furnishing goods, which she is selling at a bargain. Also Kid Gloves, Wool Gloves, Ribbons, Silks, Velvets at close prices.

"A thing of beauty, is a joy forever," so as the hats which come from this fashionable millinery store, which you can buy from 15 cents up to \$15.

## A Frightful Blunder.

Will often cause a horrible Burn, Scald, Cut or Bruise. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures Old Sores, Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Fomula, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Hall Drug Co., Druggist.

WANTED.—Dry and green hides, chickens and eggs, bring them to us and get the highest prices.

Weaver & Mason, Wilsonville, Ala.

Every family should keep Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic to use in case of accident. It is a clean, pleasant liquid, does not soil the person or clothing and is the greatest healing compound on the American market. Buy a 50c. bottle from Hall Drug Co., and keep it convenient.

The man who won't sit around the house in his shirt sleeves before his wife is about as rare as the woman who will never let her husband see her comb her hair.

If you feel Dull, Languid, Broken-Down, Debilitated, have Weak Stomach or Indigestion, use Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine.

As soon as a girl begins to think she wants a certain man, she begins to put her hand a foot above where her heart is when he tells her he was sick yesterday.

STRAYED.—One mare mule, red roan, about 14 hands high, weight about 850 pound, brand of sweet gum leaf on one jaw. Information of whereabouts, or return, rewarded.

D. M. SPEARMAN, Redlaw, Ala.

The "biggest little thing" and one of the most useful you can offer a friend as a Christmas present is a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic. A clean, pleasant remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, nail punctures, sore throat, inflamed eyes, stings of insects, "poison oak," etc. Used internally, it gives quick relief in cases of colic and derangement of stomach or bowels. Free from opium and positively harmless. Sold by Hall Drug Co.

## Wedding at Shelby.

One of the most beautiful home weddings of the season, was that of Miss Jessie Carter and Mr. Frank Spears, at the home of the brides mother in Shelby, Thursday morning, Dec. 14, at 10 o'clock. The parlors were beautifully decorated with holly and cedar. The entire bridal party was a dream of beauty. The following young ladies and gentlemen were attendants: Miss Kitty Averitt and Mr. Arther Carter, Miss Nellie Parker and Mr. Robinson, Miss Anna Miller and Mr. George Mason, Miss Bessie Carter and Mr. Fort, Miss Mary Riddick and Mr. Randall, Miss Naldo Christian and Mr. Brice. Miss Carter came in with her maid of honor, Miss Patty Massor, and Mr. Spears came in with Mr. Charles Bell as best man. They marched in to the strains of Tanhansers march. Rev. A. T. Clarke, in a most impressive and beautiful manner, made the two one. After the ceremony, Miss Clark played Mendelschans march, and with light hearts and many good wishes, the happy party wended their way out to the dining-room where breakfast was served. The bride received many handsome presents. The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends throughout the county.

## HONOR ROLL

Of Vincent Free School for Month Ending November 24.

Sixth Grade—Zada Davis, Opal Kidd, Brindley Elliott, Annie O. Kidd, Quintella Henry.

Fifth Grade—Laura Elliott, Lillie Raley, Nannie Davis.

Fourth Grade—Mary Anna McGraw, Percy Pitts, Annie M. Kidd, Stella Montgomery, Ollie Williams, Hattie Davis.

Third Grade—Vin Pitts, Peyton Montgomery, Ried Todd, Allie Davis, Olive Bilby, Jimmie Davis.

Second Grade—Renfro Montgomery, Annie Bell.

First Grade—Eva Denty, Ada Donnell, Midie Johnson, Ira Gates, Mary Davis.

C. H. FLOYD, Principal.

Fortify yourself against the casualties consequent upon "Merry Christmas." Equal to an insurance policy is a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic against gun-shot wounds, powder burns, cuts, bruises, sprains, etc., and costs only 50c. at druggists.

## For Sale.

One new drop-head Singer sewing machine \$30, cash; also box top Singer for \$20 cash; also two houses and lots fronting square, Columbiana, Ala., \$250 each. Apply to W. W. WALLS.

If your boy gets burned when he shoots his Christmas cracker, use the "old reliable," Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic. It is clean and pleasant, cooling and soothing to the burn, relieves suffering and heals almost like magic. Only 50c. a bottle, by Hall Drug Co.

When a man admits that the joke is on him, he doesn't think it much of a joke.

For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruises, cuts, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply Ballard's Snow Liniment. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

The dream that woman is like is generally the one that you are glad isn't so when you wake up.

In sluggish liver, Herbine, by its beneficial action upon the biliary tracts, renders the bile more fluid, and brings the liver into a sound, healthy condition, thereby banishing the sense of drowsiness, lethargy, and the general feeling of apathy which arises from disorders of the liver. Price 50 cents; sold by Williams Bros.

When the average woman gets on a new silk petticoat she acts like a man that goes around with his necktie sideways so as to show his diamond stud.

**Planters' CUBAN RELIEF** cures Colic, Nerviagia and Toothache in five minutes. Sore Stomach and Summer Complaints. Price 25 Cents. For sale by Hall Drug Co.

A woman always tries to smile sarcastically when she is in a street car next to a man and the conductor says "sit closer, please!"

Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine has since 1840 steadily risen in public favor, and the demand for it far exceeds that of any other Liver Medicine.

Dr. A. J. Massey, dentist, the Painless Tooth Extractor and well Fitted Plates a Specialty, invites all persons wishing dentistry, to call at his Dental Parlors while in Birmingham, 21st street, 2nd ave. Correspond with him. Will practice in Jefferson and adjoining counties, go or send a competent man to your homes at reasonable prices. Will visit Columbiana often.

## Saginaw.

We are having very cool weather at present.

The social season was opened here last Wednesday night at the residence of the Hon. C. E. Hale. The brilliant affair was given in honor of Mr. Tom Ozley, of Arkansas. His many friends was so rejoiced over his return that they had to do something for little Tommie. They decided that no better or quicker plan for Tommie to meet all of his friends than to give him a "blow out." Tommie was the center of attraction the entire evening, and could hardly turn around for the ladies. Another very important gentleman on hand was Mr. Lawn Nabors, who took an active part in the exercises.

Miss Alma proved herself an excellent hostess. She entertains well and makes every one feel at ease. To say the least, the affair was a success in every way and much enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to receive an invitation.

Mr. Will Wells is still very low. His sister, Mrs. Woodward, of Knoxville, Tenn., is with him now.

Mr. J. M. Leonard Jr., of Longview, and our new preacher was in town last Thursday.

We very often see Mr. Atkinson of Longview ride through town on his wheel. Wonder if Joe is trying to make up a school or is going to have a telegraph office put in here?

There were several from Campbranch attended quarterly meeting here last Friday.

SISSE.

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by Hall Drug Co., Druggist.

**Planters' NUBIAN TEA** cures Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price 25 cts. For sale by Hall Drug Co.

After a woman has been married about a year she never has half so many tall screens in the bedroom.

There are few ailments so uncomfortable as piles, but they can easily be cured by using Tabler's Buckeye Plaster.

Relief follows its use, and any one suffering from piles can not afford to neglect to give it a trial. Price 50 cts. in bottles, tubes 75 cts; sold by Williams Bros.

# THE CHANCE OF YOUR LIFE!

## LOTS OF GOODS AT AND BELOW COST.

This Is No Catch Penny Scheme to Attract Trade, But It Is a Solid Fact.

## Now to Convince You:

It is my intention to leave Shelby about the 1st of March, and I don't want to pay freight on a dollar's worth of goods to move them. I prefer

to offer them so cheap—AT AND BELOW COST mind you—that you will move them to your homes and save me the trouble and expenses. I said I would prefer to pursue this course, and I am ready to stand square to my word and sell

## EVERYTHING AT COST.

Now if you really know a BARGAIN when you see it, call and see for YOURSELF. It won't put you to much trouble. You will find my PRICES LOWER BY HALF than most stores; yes, in many cases, even lower than half. What more do you want?

## SHALL I THROW IN A CHRAMO, TOO?

Come quick and get a slice of the pudding before your neighbor gets the lion's share. I mean business—THE GOODS MUST GO.

S. STARK,

Shelby, Ala.

## A BOON TO MANKIND!

### Dr. TABLER'S BUCKEYE



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SIMOON IN THE DESERT.

Graphic Description of the Dread Terror of the Sands.

So this yellow, sunburned life drags yellow weight across the endless dunes. A fat-like, awful march; no, no, no halt for man or beast, but on, over the spreading billows of biting sands, with overhead the hot sky, and the hard, and blazing in its midst, a scorching eye that burns and blazes with its sight.

In agony the camels stumble on, eat at the dense hot wall. Desperately the coolies hide their faces in the hot, swaying hunches before them; but through their stupor there beats a wave of consciousness. A shudder wrings them to a knowledge of a something awful. Through the sun-steeped, unbleached minds there comes a keen stab. They are awake to what?

Into the coarse camel hair they dig their fists, tighter they press to the living things beneath them, they look not to one another, they look only to the scorching billows of biting sands, with overhead the hot sky, and the hard, and blazing in its midst, a scorching eye that burns and blazes with its sight.

Far and away comes a gasp—a hot, vicious pant. Again it comes—a breath of fire that touched and is gone. The great line halts as one. A blank, dead moment; in it the bosom of the desert heaves and a breath rolls toward the waiting line.

With broken moans the creatures bend their knees and wait the coming of the storm. Another scorching breath—a timeless wait. Far to the east it starts, across the sands it whirls in circling whorls that form at last a wall. On it curls swiftly, silently, with a hot, fierce lurch it falls upon the crouching backs, stinging with fangs of fire, pelting, blinding the gasping, panting creatures; with its dry lash whipping out the lives of men and beast. Faster, thicker, hotter, fall the sands, crushing and burying with a merciless weight—an ocean of burning fire, pouring wrath and strength upon these wretched as it hurls its mad force across the desert. The billows toss and heave, and break at last to sweep on—the prey—Atlantic Monthly.

English Earn Little.

Statistics just completed by the income tax commission of Great Britain show that out of a total adult male population of 12,500,000 more than 10,000,000 earn less than \$800 a year. The income tax is collected at the rate of 16 cents on each \$5 above \$860, and of the total tax, which last year amounted to nearly \$100,000,000, was contributed by not more than 2,000,000 people.

The five hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gutenberg will be celebrated next June at Mayence, Germany. An exhibition of everything relating to the industry of book printing is to be held at that place.

Four hundred colleges of this country have a total wealth of \$250,000,000, and seven of this number own property worth almost \$100,000,000.

AFRICAN WAR SITUATION

Baron Roberts to Supersede Buller as Commander-in-Chief.

BRITISH LOSS AT TUGELA RIVER WAS 1,097

Great Britain Met With Three Crushing Military Reverses During the Week—Revised List of Losses at Magersfontein.

A Monday's cable dispatch from London says: Shortly before midnight the following notice was posted at the war office: "As the campaign in Natal, in the opinion of Her Majesty's government, is likely to require the presence and undivided attention of Sir Redvers Buller, it has been decided to send Baron Roberts, of Kandahar and Waterford, as commander-in-chief in south Africa, with Lord Kitchener as chief of staff."

Lieutenant General Sir Charles Warren, commanding the fifth division of the first army corps, has arrived at Capetown. It is understood that he will proceed to Port Elizabeth.

No further news has been received regarding the battle at Tugela river. The latest accounts regarding the battle at Magersfontein show that the retirement of the British troops was executed with the greatest coolness and order under a heavy Boer artillery fire.

Mafeking was safe on December 16 and Colonel Baden is well; the British commander there is still actively pushing out his defenses. At that time the Boers had offered to exchange Lady Sarah Wilson, who was captured while acting as a correspondent for the London Daily Times, for General Viljoen, who was captured at Elandslaagte.

The other beleaguered garrisons and positions are still holding out.

British Loss Aggregate 1,097.

Gen. Buller reports to the war office in London that his losses in Friday's engagement were:

Killed, 82; wounded, 667; missing, 848. A total of 1,097.

Losses at Magersfontein.

The revised list of the British loss at the battle of Magersfontein shows the total to be 908, of which number 70 were officers. The Black Watch were the heaviest sufferers. Of the rank and file 42 were killed, 182 wounded, and 111 are missing.

Beyond a partial list and a summary of the totals of the casualties in the Tugela river engagement the British war office professes not to have any news from the seat of war, while the censorship evidently blocks other channels of information. Never within the range of the longest memory has great Britain met with three such military reverses in a single week, and hence it is not surprising that notes of anxiety should be heard amid the general chorus of press expressions of grim philosophy and resignation.

A Diamond Field Discovered.

It is reported that a diamond field has been found in the wilds between Michipicoten and Port Arthur, Mich. The precise location is kept a profound secret.

The discovery was made last summer by an expert from Kimberley, who made an exploring tour. A formation was found precisely similar to that of the Kimberley field.

The discovery is reported to be of considerable area, and in the opinion of the diamond expert the precious stones undoubtedly exist there.

Secretary Wilson's Resignation Offered.

A. W. Butt, telegraphs the Nashville Banner from Washington the following: Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has placed his resignation in the hands of the president. Secretary Wilson had an attack of heart failure here, when he came near dying. His physician told him his heart was affected and he must leave public life at once. The president has urged him to remain in office and keep the cabinet intact, but will cease all duties. Secretary Wilson is undecided. His resignation has not been given out.

Hanged for Wife Murder.

At Albany, Ga., Friday, W. J. Glasser was hanged for the murder of his wife last August. Glasser was a native of Germany, but had lived in this country for many years. On the night of the crime, Glasser went home under the influence of liquor and with a stick brutally beat his wife into insensibility, after which he stabbed her several times.

Called a State Convention.

District Master Workman A. J. O'Keefe, of the Knights of Labor, has called a state convention of that body for January 1, at Jasper, Walker county. Mr. O'Keefe, has taken cognizance of the fact that the United Mine Workers of America, district of Alabama, have formally declared war on the Knights of Labor, and will attempt to eradicate them from the state. His purpose is to prepare

AGUINALDO STILL FLEEING.

Insurgent Major Guarding American Prisoners Surrenders.

The following dispatch, dated December 15, has been received from a correspondent of the Associated Press at Laoag, province of North Ilocos, Luzon:

"Natives at Manitong, province of North Ilocos, report that Aguinaldo in disguise, and accompanied by several of his generals, left Manitong last Saturday with 500 men, going in the direction of Salsona, from which point he intended to proceed to Cabaugan, province of Cayanagan."

"An insurgent major, claiming to be in command of 100 Filipinos who have been guarding twenty-three American prisoners at Cabaugan, surrendered. He wrote his captives to deliver the prisoners to General Young."

"General Young's command is now divided into six or seven parties, which are operating in the mountains about Laoag. Several parties are hunting for General Tino."

"Major Swigert, with a detachment of the Third cavalry, had an engagement with 120 insurgents near Dingras. Two Americans were killed and two wounded. Several Filipinos were killed."

"Captain McCalla, of the United States cruiser Newark, has occupied Claveria and Pantelonia. The Filipinos surrendered 1,000 rifles."

THE GREAT SALT LAKE.

Why Fish, Oysters and Other Animal Life Cannot Survive in It.

An inquiry by H. P. Moore into the feasibility of introducing useful marine animals into the waters of Great Salt lake, published by the United States commission of fish and fisheries, leads to the conclusion that the water of Great Salt lake is too salt for oysters, fish and other animals of economic value. The lake is eighty miles long by thirty-five wide, with a present area of 1,750 square miles. Its depth, where deepest, is about thirty-eight feet, but the depth varies each year with the seasons, and is now ten feet less than it was in 1869. Could the lake be utilized for the production of food fishes or oysters, its extent is evidently so great as to afford opportunity for a large industry. But the conditions are shown to be such as to be unfavorable to the adult oyster when in its free-swimming stage of development. There is abundance of food, as the water teems with brine shrimp and insect larvae. The lake is especially rich in minute plants, particularly diatoms, which constitute the chief food of the oyster. The absence of fish is supposed to explain the great abundance of fish food, the quantity of which exceeds the supply usually found in the sea. Catfish, it is suggested, might, perhaps, flourish near the mouth of the rivers, where the water is nearly fresh.

For oysters the best degree of salinity is that indicated by a density of from 1.010 to 1.020. They will not thrive in water containing the full amount of salt contained in ordinary sea water, but require a brackish or semi-salt water. Some are found in water of a density of 1.023, a density of less than one-seventh that of Great Salt Lake, but these are small and of inferior quality. At times the salinity of the water of the lake is as high as 1.070—a degree of salinity which oysters and fish cannot endure. It has been supposed that parts of the lake near the mouths of rivers might be fresh enough to be planted with oysters, but the observations show that the areas controlled by the rivers vary greatly and rapidly in extent, according to the season of the year. The Weber river, for example, pours twenty-eight times as much water into the lake at one season as at another, so that the fluctuation of the position of the zone in which the water has the desired density of 1.01 or 1.02 is very great. Even the wind at times drives the salt water into the area ordinarily occupied by fresh water, making the percentage of salt at any given place uncertain. As for the idea that oysters or fish could be acclimated "by degrees," Mr. Moore thinks it unlikely that acclimatization which has failed of accomplishment in Great Salt Lake within a reasonable time. He disposes also of the idea that the salt in the lake differs materially from the same in the same proportions. The estimate is made that the tributaries of the lake add to it about 16,000 tons of salt annually. It has been held in some quarters that the 50,000 tons of salt annually taken from the lake by salt-makers must soon reduce its salinity within practicable limits. But only 42,000 tons of this amount is table salt and the lake holds 400,000,000 tons of it, so that it will take 14,000 years to reduce the salt to the limits required for oyster culture. Upon the whole, it is concluded that the Chesapeake is not destined to suffer by the competition of the Great Salt Lake.—Baltimore Sun.

Great Russian Tea Caravans.

During the first twenty days of January last 19,000 sleighs laden with tea passed through the city of Tomsk. The ordinary size of these tea caravans is from fifty to seventy sleighs, though sometimes from 200 to 300 are included in one caravan. The average load is five bales, each weighing from seventy to 120 pounds.

Five sledges are fastened together, drawn by one horse, and one man attends to the detachment. To the rear sledge of each group is tied a bundle of hay and measure of oats, so that the horses may feed during the march. This facilitates progress, for the caravan does not need to halt for the purpose of baiting the horses. As the horse in front, however, does not have anything to eat in front of him, he occasionally to give him an opportunity to eat his lunch.

The caravans travel night and day. The only halts during the twenty-four hours are in the villages where the weary horses are exchanged for fresh animals. The drivers sleep in the sledges while traveling in spite of the severe cold.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

It is rumored in New York that the health of William M. Evans is very bad, and that his physical condition is rapidly growing alarming.

Ex-Senator John M. Palmer, at the age of 83 years, in Washington gathering material for his forthcoming book of recollections.

Arrangements are being made for an international ethical congress to be held in London next year.

Statistics of the local government board of London show that pauperism in London is decreasing.

Miss Mayme Jester, a niece of Buffalo Bill, is said to be the only female press agent on the road. She left the newspaper business to go into this new field.

Judge Louis P. Paquet has left for Pensacola, Fla., to attend to a very important case before the United States circuit court, and will be absent for a fortnight.

Over five tons of documents produced by England in the Venezuelan arbitration case have been removed from Paris. They required two large railway vans to take them away.

SENATE'S DOORKEEPER DIES Suddenly.

Captain Arthur Barnes, of North Carolina, was found dead in his bed in Washington Saturday. Captain Barnes had been an assistant doorkeeper of the senate for the past eighteen years. He was a democrat, and had attended every democratic convention since 1880. He was a captain in the confederate service during the civil war. He was about

ALL THE FAMILY HAVE SIX TOES.

Singular Malformation Which Appears to Be Hereditary.

"Down in Kimble county, Texas," said a visitor from the Lone Star state, "is a remarkable six-toed family, about whom, as far as I know, nothing has ever been told in print. Their name is Higgins, and the family is composed at present of a grandfather (who must be over 90), four middle-aged sons, and a drove of grandchild numbering twenty-five or thirty."

"Old man Higgins, who is called 'Mexican Bill' for some reason I have never able to learn, has six toes on each foot, and his wife, who is now dead, was equally well provided. They were cousins, and all their sons have six toes except one, whose feet turned in noticeably at the ankle, but are otherwise normal. All the grandchild-dren have at least six toes and several of them seven, the extra one in each case being more or less rudimentary and not developed like the others. I can vouch for this personally, as I have seen the whole tribe on a number of occasions, and in summer time they generally run around barefooted. 'The Six-toe Higginses' is the name the family is known by among all the neighbors. Old Mexican Bill has told me that his parents were both six-toed and that the same peculiarity existed among all his relatives as far back as he knew anything about it."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

SEVEN MILES OF OLD CARS.

Wyoming Convicts Breaking Up Old Railroad Material for Wood.

Seven miles of condemnation is a long-drawn-out affair even for the west. But it stands as a western growth near the state penitentiary at Laramie, Wyo., where convicts are daily engaged in making it an ever-lengthening fact. For many months the inspectors of the Union Pacific railroad have scrutinized the thousands of freight cars that handle the overland traffic. When a dilapidated car of low capacity or unequipped with air brakes rattled past it was branded as condemned, and if empty, was shunted off on the side track built to be a last refuge for the doomed cars. This process continued for months till the cars, averaging thirty feet in length, reached a total length of seven miles. This distance was ascertained by local statisticians, who in the interests of railroad history, pedaled their bicycles along the line and measured it with their cyclometers.

These cars are hump-backed, sway-backed, and contorted in every conceivable way, but they still hold themselves erect with a kind of a melancholy dignity. They have had careers varying from eight to twelve years, and since their building a score of changes have taken place in car construction. There capacity is often as low as 18,000 pounds, whereas the modern car is from 40,000 to 60,000 pounds capacity. The brake mechanism for the freight car has come to be as complicated as was that of the passenger car thirty years ago, and inventions applying to doors, ventilation and running gear make the old-time cars most pronounced "back numbers." A contract between railroad and state calls for the demolition of these cars by the convicts, the wood going to the state's charges warm this winter, and the scrap iron returning to the railroad shops, where it will issue in due time in the form of new railway material.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic, clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day with Cascarets, beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Gen. Wm. P. Hays, the first husband of Admiral Dewey's wife, was, like Dewey, a native of Vermont. He was a graduate of West Point, and was considered one of the ablest officers in Sherman's army.

P. A. Collins, democratic candidate for mayor of Boston, landed in New York at the age of 12 fifty years ago, a homeless Irish orphan. He is now a well-known and well-to-do Boston lawyer.

"Honolulu" says Austin's Hawaiian Weekly, "has had all sorts and conditions of soldiers. The best, the most orderly have been those who have won their spurs in the ranks of Cuba."

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-Tobacco, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or 1.00. Cures quinine, rheumatism, and all ailments. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

"The father of the house," as the member having the record of the longest consecutive record in congress is called, will be at this session Representative Alfred C. Harmer, of Philadelphia.

H. H. GREEN'S SONS, of Atlanta, Ga., are the only successful Dropsy Specialists in the world. See their liberal offer in advertisement in another column of this paper.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

My DEAR SIR: The regular work of the second term will begin January 3rd, next. That will be an advantageous time for new students to enter. J. K. POWERS, President.

Couldn't Fool Him.

An Iowa soldier relates that one day Gen. Otis came out on the firing line and ordered the shooting to cease. A Kansas boy who thought he was doing all sorts of damage to the insurgents kept on shooting. "Didn't you hear my command to cease firing?" thundered the general. "Who are you?" asked the soldier. "I'm Gen. Otis." "Otis, hell," responded the soldier; "I know that isn't so. Otis never comes out here." And bang went the gun.—Kansas City Journal.

Joseph Chamberlain has worn a monocle since boyhood.

FAVORITE PERFUMES.

Affected by Some of the World's Most Famous People.

A great many well-known men and women have been fond of different scents, as is historically known, but it is hard to say how far their characters fit in with this new idea. For instance, Nero loved the scent of roses, whether distilled or from the freshly cut flowers; Louis XIV delighted in the perfume of orange blossoms; while Richelieu liked a different scent in each of the rooms; the Empress Josephine soaked her things in musk, and Napoleon is said to have emptied a whole bottle of eau-de-cologne over his clothes when he was dressed; Victor Hugo rejoiced in wild flowers; Alexander Dumas loved the flowering myrtle, and Charles Dickens adored white jasmine.

A Fair Lion Hunter.

Lady Delamere is the beautiful young English society woman who is now in the heart of Africa with her husband shooting, or trying to shoot, lions. Lord Delamere, who is still a young man and was married but one year ago, is well known to be an intrepid lion hunter and has already made three trips into the interior of the dark continent after big game. His present expedition began at Bombasa some time ago, and it will be some months before the lion hunter and his fair companion will be heard of by their friends.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.

Candy Cathartic cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c, 50c. All druggists refund money.

Prof. Atkins, head of the Slater Industrial and State Normal school at Winston-Salem, N. C., is next to Booker Washington, the most competent, practical and successful colored teacher of the south.

Wanted.

Two traveling salesmen in each Southern State, 400 and experience. Experience not absolutely necessary. For particulars address: Excelsior Tobacco Works Co., Bedford City, Va.

Prof. Maria Lanford of the Minnesota State University, has succeeded in having a tract of timber between the head waters of the Mississippi and the Red rivers set aside by the government as a forest reservation.

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Lord Cromer, England's consul-general in Egypt since 1883, controls an army of 25,000 men, the Suez canal, and is a man of tremendous influence.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one cure in all for that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution instead of straining it in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for testimonials. Address: J. C. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Attention is called to the very useful article contained in the premium advertisement of Continental Tobacco Co.'s advertisement of their Star Puff Tobacco in another column of this paper. It will pay to save the "Star" tin tags and so take advantage of the offer of a tin ever issued by the Star Tobacco.

VITALITY low, debilitated or exhausted cured by Dr. Kline's Invigorating Tonic. Price \$1 per bottle for 3 weeks' treatment. Dr. Kline, Ltd., 831 Arch St., Philadelphia. Founded 1871.

I am entirely cured of hemorrhage of lungs by Dr. Kline's Cure for Consumption.—LOUISA LINDAMAN, Bethany, Mo., January 8, 1894.

A Persian, six Puerto Ricanos and a full-blooded native of the Hawaiian Islands are now enrolled at the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis is a good Greek scholar and her favorite reading is among the classics of that language, a volume of which she has always at hand.

How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hobbs' Spargus Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

It is estimated that Suffolk county, Mass., paid \$115,000 to pay the expenses of maintaining those sentenced for drunkenness during the year ending January 1, 1895.

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